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New charity shop opens on site of former bank

Big crowd waited for opening of St Elizabeth's which raised £1,276 on first day

By **Charlotte Page**

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A NEW charity shop has opened in the place of a former bank in Harlow town centre.

A huge crowd waited outside St Elizabeth's charity shop on Terminus Street on Tuesday, September 18, as it opened its doors for the first time.

The large store has been empty for some time following the closure of Barclays Bank.

The shop joins the Bush Fair and Staple Tye branches in town and will specialise in selling large furniture and clearance items.

Takings for the opening day alone totalled to £1,276, which will go towards the charity and the services it offers.

St Elizabeth's was founded in 1903 and provides support to more than 240 vulnerable children, young people and adults with epilepsy and other complex medical conditions.

Success

The severity impacts upon their health, social, learning and emotional development.

St Elizabeth's offers access to high-quality, individualised care, education and leisure opportunities, helping them to live their lives to the fullest.

Retail area manager Angela Fordrey said: "The launch of our third St Elizabeth's charity shop in Harlow was a huge success."

"We had a large amount of interest in the weeks leading up to our opening, and our first day takings came to well over £1,000."

"Thank you to everyone for your support, and please do pop in for volunteering opportunities or to donate any unwanted items."

St Elizabeth's is asking anyone who can volunteer or make donations to get in touch.

Those interested should visit the shop or email Angela.fordrey@stelizabeths.org.uk



Neville, Angela, Tarrent and Keith helping at the St Elizabeth's charity shop opening
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Lorraine at the new St Elizabeth's charity shop



St Elizabeth's charity shop opening proved popular

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ON any given day, Robyn Skinner might be asked to make a giant jelly baby, a pigeon or a huge carp.

Life is certainly not boring at Joy Flowers. Luckily Robyn is a skilled florist with 13 years' experience behind her as she just never knows what the next customer through the door is going to ask for.

"I made an off-road, Honda motorbike the other day, so that was interesting," she said. "People often ask for edible things. It's funny because over the years I've developed a reputation with the staff for being the one who does the edible things. If a customer asked for any kind of food, the others would say 'go to Robyn, that's her speciality'."

"I've done gingerbread men, Milky Buttons, but my all-time favourite food one was a giant orange jelly baby. I think that turned out well."

College

Although Robyn is the owner of Joy Flowers now, she joined as a keen 19-year-old, not long out of college.

"I trained as a florist and went straight to work for a florist in the city, but I hated the commute," she said. "I live in Harlow and I started to look for something closer and the woman who ran it at the time, Hazel, was advertising."

Joy's was actually started by a lady called Joyce more than 25 years ago, but it was later taken over by

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Daphne Toll and then Hazel Fisher.

"I loved it here straight away," said Robyn. "It's like a little family. When I joined, Daphne was still working here one day a week even though she had semi-retired and we all got on so well. When Hazel retired three years ago she asked me if I wanted to take over and I said yes."

"By the end I was doing a lot of the managing anyway but it was still a change when it became my business. You have to think about all of the books and going to the markets."

The working day often starts at 5am for Robyn, as

that's how early she has to get up to get to the trade-only flower market in Enfield. She gets up at 5am and is at the market by 5.30am or so as the roads are empty at that time of day.

There she's faced with thousands and thousands of buckets full of blooms, where Robyn gets to cherry-pick what she needs for the shop.

"It's basically a set of huge greenhouses and chilled rooms where the flowers are kept," Robyn said. "There are the warm rooms for the tropical flowers and greenhouses full of house plants, garden plants and cactuses."

Once Robyn's got what she needs, she's back at her shop by 7.30am - when some people's day has barely started.

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requests for special events keep life exciting and busy for talented town florists



Robyn Skinner of Joy Flowers, Harlow, with one of her arrangements



A floral cat created by Joy Flowers



A rubber duck arrangement

need at the trade market as it's certainly not all standard bouquets at Joy's.

Over the last few years, Robyn has been asked to make a floral rubber duck, a carp, a fisherman, butterflies and teddy bears.

"One of the most unusual ones was a pigeon," Robyn said. "It was for a customer whose dad kept racing pigeons. I've not been asked to make one since."

We're a nation of pet lovers of course so Robyn also get a lot of requests for people to make cat and dog floral displays, and often people will come in with a photo of their prized pet which they'd like recreated in blooms.

"I've made a greyhound, a Westie and a Collie," she said. "Most of the time I can make what people want but it depends on the detail, you can't be too detailed with flowers of course but normally we can work around what someone wants."

Of course it's not all about creating elaborate portraits, the bread and butter of Robyn's work is pretty occasion bouquets for birthdays, anniversaries and parties.

There are sad occasions too as Joy's does a lot of floral displays for funerals, when customer service is paramount. "You have to be thoughtful and kind, and not rush people, we just tell them to take their time," Robyn said. "Every customer is different, some people like to be left alone and not have a fuss made, whereas others like to talk."

Robyn said that one of the best parts of her job is getting to do something that she loves every day.

"Also to be able to create something unique for people, to help them to celebrate a loved one's life, I think is special and a real privilege," she said.

There are lots of happy times too, particularly when couples come in to plan their wedding flowers. "It's always nice to see happy brides and grooms, we don't get many bridezillas," Robyn laughed. "Although we have had a few groomzillas."

A lot of brides and grooms plan their wedding flowers a year in advance but you do get a few that leave it till the last minute.

Wedding

"Sometimes people come in on the Monday and the wedding is on the Saturday," Robyn said. "We do our very best for them. Once someone came in and said they were getting married the next day and they had no flowers. She only wanted a bouquet for herself and a buttonhole for the groom so we were able to do that."

"Wedding flowers can be a lot of hard work and stress at times, but it's all worth it when you deliver it and get to see how happy the bride is with what you have created. On occasions we've moved brides to tears, and had to be quick on the tissues so they didn't ruin their make-up."

For the future, Robyn is working on diversifying her business.

"Sadly you can't just get by on selling one thing anymore, so we are building up our range of gift and other bits we offer, so I hope to be able to continue on with that," she said.

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More than 1,500 residents sign petition against scheme to create splash parks

Review of proposals to revamp town pool

By Charlotte Page

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HARLOW Council's plans to replace the town's five paddling pools with splash parks are to be reviewed after a petition to save its most iconic pool received 1,549 signatures.

In June, the council allocated £750,000 for an upgrade programme of the pools – replacing its paddling pools with modern splash parks, as well as improving toilet facilities.

The major overhaul would have

seen the transformation from paddling pools to splash parks in Bush Fair, Old Harlow, Staple Tye, Summers and Harlow Town Park.

A petition set up by Harlow dad Martin Dear was presented at last Thursday's council meeting.

Mr Dear previously argued that the Town Park pool was the most "iconic" and to lose all of the town's paddling pools would be "detrimental to Harlow as a whole".

The 43-year-old said: "I thought that campaigning from the outset to save them all might be a step too far so named the Town Park one as it's the most iconic. "It is centrally

located within Harlow, it's location in the valley makes it easy for parents who are not in the water with their children to supervise them from a higher vantage point and its proximity to Pets' Corner means it's the closest of any of them to a public toilet."

He also suggested that when the paddling pool is not filled, it is still used by young people for skateboarding, BMX biking, roller skating and riding scooters.

"Although there is a purpose-built skate park within the Town

Park, it is not necessarily ideal for younger children or beginners, it has deep bowls and can get very busy," he added.

"The drained paddling pools have long been used as an unofficial learning ground, where people who don't yet have the confidence or ability to use the main park can go and practice on smaller banks."

Following a debate at the meeting, there was cross-party agreement for councillors to look at the differences or the combination of splash parks and paddling pools.

In a joint statement following the meeting, leader of the council, Councillor Mark Ingall and leader of the opposition Councillor Andrew Johnson, said: "We welcome last Thursday's council debate about the future of the town's much-loved paddling pools."

"We thank Martin Dear for sharing his concerns with us and the 1,549 members of the public who signed the petition to retain the Town Park paddling pool."

"With the strength of public feeling we must listen and coun-

cillors must look at this issue in more detail.

"What was clear from the debate is that the paddling pools are also loved by councillors."

"Most councillors have grown up using these pools."

"As leaders of our political groups we might not always see eye-to-eye on every issue, but what is important, given the feelings of the public and councillors on this issue, is that we consider what the local community want and look at all the options for enhancing these facilities."



The major overhaul would see the transformation made to five Harlow paddling pools

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No automatic right to convert business premises into homes

New council directive will cover Harlow Enterprise Zone in Templefields North East

By **Charlotte Page**
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LANDOWNERS in Harlow now have no automatic right to convert business premises into residential accommodation.

Harlow Council has secured a new planning direction preventing both industrial and commercial properties being transformed into residential accommodation.

The council has successfully introduced an Article Four Direction covering the Harlow Enterprise Zone in Templefields North East, following consultation with local businesses and property owners.

Article Four means that there is now no automatic right for landowners in this area to convert business premises into residential accommodation.

Landowners now have to go through the normal full planning application process – a process the council has greater control over.

Impact

A statement from Harlow Council reads: "Like many residents and businesses, the council has been concerned about the impact that permitted development, which enables landowners to convert industrial and commercial properties into residential accommodation without planning permission, has been having on the town."

"The conversions in Harlow have often proved to be in areas without amenities for the residents and the developers make no contribution to infrastructure such as schools, new road crossings and health centres."

The council believes that the area should be protected for business use only, with the Enterprise Zone not being a suitable place for residential living.

Harlow Council wants to see increased levels of employment



The council doesn't believe that the Enterprise Zone site is right for residential property
Photo: AIRBOURNE IMAGERY

and legislation like this could lead to a reduction of business premises.

A spokesman continued: "Whilst in some areas of the country where there are unused buildings in appropriate locations for people to live this may be welcome, Harlow Council is concerned that this legislation may also lead to a reduction of business premises in the Enterprise Zone at a time when it wants to see increased levels of employment in Harlow."

"The council doesn't believe that the Enterprise Zone site in Templefields North East, would be a suitable residential area for people to live in and feel that it

should be protected for business use only.

"The council is looking at introducing these rules to other areas of the town and it is carrying out a Scrutiny Committee review of the impact of permitted development."

"The council is prepared to take action to protect jobs and employment within the town, as well as the quality of life of people who live in the town."

Permitted development dates back to 2015 when the Government introduced national legislation.

The Article 4 Direction for Templefields North East can be viewed at harlow.gov.uk/article4

Councillor in charge of equality and diversity portfolio resigns

A HARLOW councillor appointed as the first black and ethnic minority female deputy leader has resigned – less than four months after being appointed.

On Tuesday it was announced that cabinet member and councillor Waida Forman was resigning with immediate effect.

Councillor Forman, who was councillor for the Netteswell ward, was appointed deputy leader and portfolio holder of a newly-created portfolio of equality and diversity back in June.

She formed part of the Labour cabinet at a time where half of the eight portfolio holders were women and its different ages and experiences was said to reflect the town's diversity.

A casual vacancy notice for the Netteswell ward has since been published and a by-election is likely to be called.

Harlow Council's managing



Waida Forman has quit
director Brian Keane said: "Councillor Waida Forman has informed me that she has resigned as councillor with

immediate effect.

"I would like to place on record my thanks to Waida for her service to both this council and to Harlow while she has been a councillor."

"A notice of vacancy for councillor for the Netteswell ward will be published on the council's website."

The news follows former councillor of the Bush Fair ward Ian Beckett announcing his resignation almost two weeks ago.

The decision came after Harlow Labour Party held a selection meeting at Moot Hall on Sunday, September 16, to determine candidates for the local election next year.

Mr Beckett was deselected after losing a ballot to Jodi Dunne and later opted to resign.

Councillor Karen Clemmner and Edna Steven decided to stand down, although will continue to serve until next May.

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ESSEX County councillors have been warned that parents are being urged to homeschool children to help move troublesome pupils off the school register.

Figures published this year have shown that the number of children removed from school in Essex to be homeschooled increased from 466 in 2014 to 750 in 2017 – a rise of 60 per cent.

Of the 750 taken out in 2017, 65 of those were due to attendance issues and 22 were taken out due to bullying.

However Essex County Council (ECC) says the majority – 429 – were taken out of mainstream education for reason

either unknown or for “other”.

Phil Picton, Independent, chairman of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board, told councillors on the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee on September 13: “The vast majority of homeschooling is not a problem.

“There are responsible parents making a decision for their own reasons or in their child’s interests wanting to homeschool who are involved in national organisations involved in homeschooling and it would be hard to say they are not doing a good job.

“There are a small number of

cases – and I’m not speaking about Essex in particular – that have led to serious case reviews in situations where children have been home-schooled and have been out of sight.

“I think it’s again nationally, I hear suggestions that some schools – and I don’t know if there are many or any in Essex – who encourage parents of children who are challenging to educate or control to homeschool as a way of taking the child off the school register.

“That concerns me a great deal because usually the parents of those children are not parents who have the skills to homeschool their child.”



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A knife awareness day was held by police at Harlow College

2 knives given to police at college

Another blade left during awareness day

By **Lottie O’Neill**
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TWO students at Harlow College handed over pocket knives to police during an awareness day.

The youngsters approached officers with the weapons, which were then confiscated, last Thursday.

Another weapon, a folding knife, was also found discarded, but despite a review of CCTV footage and police carrying out enquiries, officers were unable to establish who it belonged to.

Blades

Police were at the college, along Velizy Avenue and The Hides, to educate students about the dangers of knife crime and carrying blades.

As part of the exercise, a knife arch was temporarily installed on the day and up to two thousands students walked through.

If they were carrying a knife, or a metal item, it would alert the



Knives were handed in by youngsters last week

officers. The two students who came forward with pocket knives were given words of advice by officers.

Essex Police have said that the college and students were very supportive of the day.

Knife amnesties have been taking place across Essex, usually with bins outside police stations. The bins are emptied often,

with thousands of knives collected from across the county including from Braintree, Basildon, Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester and Southend-on-Sea.

An Essex Police spokesman said: “We were at Harlow College on Thursday, September 20, to educate students about the dangers of knife crime.

“As part of this up to 2,000 students went through a knife arch that we took along on the day.

Confiscated

“Two students approached us with pocket knives, which were confiscated and they were given words of advice.

“A folded knife was found discarded. We reviewed CCTV and carried out enquiries but were unable to establish who had left it.

“The college and students were very supportive of the day and we’ll continue to work with them about keeping safe.”



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Residents' opportunity to help establish a 'charter' to shape development

'We want to create great places for the next generation'

By **Huw Wales**
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THE council leading proposals for thousands of new homes is calling on the public to help contribute to a 'charter' for the seven villages planned.

The seven villages around the Gilston area will form part of a larger garden town around Harlow but have attracted significant criticism from local parish councils and others who feel that it is damaging the greenbelt.

Confident

East Herts District Council's housing plan, of which the 10,000 homes at Gilston forms a key part, was put on hold by the Secretary of State earlier this month while he looked into the plans, although the council remain confident that the plan is sound and that the development will go ahead.

To ensure that residents living near the proposed site get a say on how to make sure that the villages

THE VILLAGES: How they would be planned

■ Village 1

Approx No of houses: 1,800

Education facilities: School, childcare

Community facilities: Food store, community centre, older people homes, retail, primary health care, leisure gym

Public realm: Pocket parks, neighbourhood squares

■ Village 2

Approx No of houses: 1,700

Education facilities: School, childcare

Community facilities: Food store, retail

Public realm: Amenity space, pocket parks

■ Village 3

Approx No of houses: 1,000

Education facilities: Childcare

Community facilities: Retail

Public realm: Amenity space, pocket parks, neighbourhood squares

■ Village 4

Approx No of houses: 2,000

Education facilities: School, childcare

Community facilities: Retail, older people homes, primary health care

Public realm: Pocket parks, neighbourhood squares

■ Village 5

Approx No of houses: 700

Education facilities: School, childcare

Community facilities:

Community centre, retail

Public realm: Neighbourhood green, pocket parks, neighbourhood squares

■ Village 6

Approx No of houses: 1,300

Education facilities: School, childcare

Community facilities: Retail

Public realm: Amenity space, neighbourhood green

■ Village 7

Approx No of houses: 1,500

Education facilities: Childcare

Community facilities: Retail

Public realm: Amenity space, pocket parks, neighbourhood squares



An artist's impression of what the Gilston and Harlow Garden Town could look like

area fits within the existing villages.

During a council meeting in July, councillor Linda Haysey, who is leading the Gilston project, said the community had been engaged on developing the draft master plan and that she didn't want to create 'low grade housing estates'.

She said: "The community have very much engaged in working on the draft master plan and they made 60 suggestions of changes and we accepted 58 of them."

Up to 10,000 new homes are expected to be built in the area in the coming decades, including community facilities, schools,

healthcare, and retail.

The first workshop takes place on October 6 between 9am and 1pm at Harlow's Civic Centre. In order to attend this event, email gilston.area@eastherts.gov.uk by October 4. If you are unable to attend you can email to ask to be informed about any other events or updates on the charter.

To keep up to date with the Gilston area plans visit www.eastherts.gov.uk/gilston.

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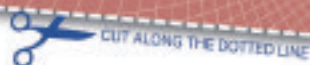
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Gas leak closes road

Businesses told to evacuate their premises

By Huw Wales

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A MAJOR road in Harlow was closed for six days after a gas leak close to a petrol station.

Edinburgh Way, which is located on the A414 through Harlow, was closed between Howard Way and River Way at the Roman Roundabout after reports on September 20 of a gas smell.

The leak is reported to have occurred close to the Esso petrol station on Edinburgh Way. Businesses in the area were ordered to evacuate while the smell and



The leak was near a garage

the cause was investigated.

Essex police officers enforced the road closure in the area while Cadent gas

workers were called onto the scene to fix the problem.

A spokeswoman on the first day of the closure said: "We are currently on scene of a gas leak in Harlow."

"We have closed Edinburgh Way between Howard Way and River Way."

"We are currently assisting the gas company while they work to resolve the issue."

"Please avoid the area and plan your journey."

Businesses began to reopen on Tuesday after six days of work taking place to identify and fix the leak.



Edinburgh Way was shut following a gas leak

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Regular eye tests more vital than ever with ageing workforce

WITH an ageing population and record number of older people in work, Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) are reminding people of the importance of regular eye tests to maintain and protect their sight.

There are now more than 1.2 million Brits aged over 65 working as people continue to live longer and healthier lives. Yet research* has revealed that 250 people start losing their sight every day even though at least half of all sight loss is avoidable. Early detection is vital in the management and successful treatment of many conditions, with regular eye tests being key. But despite that, one in four people are not having an eye test every two years as recommended.

Hairy Bikers star Dave Myers has teamed up with Specsavers and RNIB this National Eye Health Week (24-30 September) to help raise awareness of the importance of eye tests. The 61-year-old was diagnosed with glaucoma seven years ago following a routine visit to the opticians. It could have affected his career, but swift detection has protected the chef's sight by enabling him to successfully manage the condition with daily eye drops.

"I was shocked because I had no symptoms, but if it had gone unnoticed, I could have gone blind. Like so many people, my career is my passion and it's so hard to imagine doing all the things I love if I couldn't see."

RNIB interim CEO Eliot Lyne added:



"Research shows that the older you are, the greater your chances of developing an eye condition, so it is very important that people book themselves in for an eye test every two years."

"With the right support, people with sight loss can continue working, and if you are an employer, RNIB and other organisations can help you to properly support a member of staff who is losing their sight."

"Advances in technology mean that blind and partially sighted people can now overcome many of the barriers to work that they faced in the past, and government schemes like Access to Work mean that many of the costs can be met."

All Specsavers optometrists are accredited in detecting and monitoring glaucoma, cataracts and other eye health conditions. To complement their skills, Specsavers and RNIB have also launched eye health training for Specsavers' non clinical teams, including optical assistants and frame stylists, to ensure that whoever a customer first sees in-store is sympathetic to their eye care needs.

* YouGov Survey commissioned by Specsavers and RNIB 23rd June -7th July 2017 of 6,430 UK adults aged 18+.

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Hard work and support is the formula saving Science Alive

STEM charity was facing bankruptcy until a new team with new ideas took over

By Charlotte Page
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A SCIENCE centre popular for school trips has been saved from bankruptcy.

Science Alive is a STEM charity at Harlow Leisurezone set up in 2010 to deliver programmes and workshops to students and Harlow residents.

Operations manager Sharon Davies, with her new management team, took over just over a year ago and together with the support of Harlow Council has turned the centre around.

She said: "When I took over Science Alive back in June 2017 I was brought in as the operations manager to manage day-to-day running of Harlow Museum and Science Alive."

"What we've done is myself and the new management team, we've spent the last year trying to keep this place open – turn it around from bankruptcy and also the same at Harlow Museum."

"So I've had two sites to turn round."

"What saved us from bankruptcy was being Harlow Council."

Science Alive has had huge support from two former leaders, Jon Clempner and Emma Toal, as well as current leader, Councillor Mark Ingall.

All three have helped to bail the centre out, having recognised the benefit of having a science centre.

Skills gap

Raytheon also donated £15,000 to keep the centre open and support has also been given by Harlow MP Robert Halfon and Michael Beard of Public Health England – to name just a few.

"The benefit of the science centre is to help the skills gap," added Sharon.

"We've got a brand new multi-million pound science park that's just opening in Harlow and we've got Public Health England moving to the area."

"We need to help fill that skills gap so the students of Harlow and the surrounding areas actually go on and work in those industries and in a science role."

School trips are the centre's main source of business during term time, with it offering curriculum-linked workshops for anything between 30 to 90 children a day.

From learning about the moon, stars and planets in the planetarium to the making your own snot in The Yuck Show – Science Alive is a popular choice among school children.

The Harlow Education Consortium has booked for their 23 primary and junior schools to go to Science Alive in a sponsored visit.

It is also within easy access with Science Alive being a ten minute walk or coach ride from the majority of Harlow schools.

Sharon added: "The centre is currently open during term



Science Alive at Harlow Leisurezone

time for school bookings only.

"As I am an ex-teacher I knew I wanted to make school trips as easy as possible for both staff and students."

"It is £8 a head for a whole day's programme, which includes three presenters, lots of explosions and lots of fun. Schools get exclusive access to the site – there's no public in and there's no other schools."

"Schools are our main business at the moment."

"When I took over the centre what I focused on was the schools' programmes – so we do programmes from Reception up to Year 6 on everything from space to The Yuck Show and kids love that."

"We do a Big Bang show which is all about forces."

Science Alive is now launching four coding clubs for children on Saturdays and Sundays from the middle of October.

David Whale, software engineer and IET schools liaison officer, has donated

coding equipment with Raspberry Pi.

Mr Whale has also introduced the centre to 16-year-old Murat Seidovs who Sharon describes as an "absolute genius at coding".

She said: "We're doing a Nintendo Labo club so if your kids have a Nintendo Switch at home and you want to turn it from something which is just about gaming, they can turn their Switch into anything from a robot to a piano."

"It'll be a five-week course running every Saturday morning so kids will start out understanding how the Labo works and then go on to design their own."

There will also be a scratch coding club, Raspberry Pi Club where kids can take their interest for Minecraft and use it for coding, and Raspberry Jam club which is all about designing a car.

Sharon added: "From last September the centre has been going through a period of change, we've very much been working with the local community because we are a charity first and foremost."

Income

"Our schools' programme is our main source of income – that's the main reason why we're here."

"Our aims are to spread the love of science in school children so they do actually go on to take it for GCSEs."

"We're working on more programmes at the moment that are going to include secondary students to help fill that skills gap."

The centre is also available for private bookings, including birthday parties.

Science Alive is looking for STEM ambassadors who are from Harlow who can come in and lend some support and run workshops.

The site is also free for people to run community sessions or clubs from 4pm every evening up until when the Leisurezone closes.

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Reporter Charlotte Page climbing into the planetarium



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Science Alive at Harlow Leisurezone

SPECIAL MEASURES: Action taken after watchdog inspection revealed failings

Service for elderly is under the microscope

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AN Essex County Council service that helps elderly people live independently in their own homes has been placed into special measures in the wake of reports of insufficient staffing, leaving carers exhausted.

Essex County Council, which commissions the reablement service run by Allied Healthcare, says it is working with a health watchdog to improve the situation.

This is after an earlier inspection in March found failings that risked the health and safety of several of the 530 people receiving social care support across the county from the service.

The CQC found that the service was not safe and that the majority of those people had experienced missed and late calls due to insufficient staff, poor organisation and a lack of oversight.

Missed

Staff at Allied Healthcare told inspectors they were exhausted – one had been expected to complete a care call at 3am, only to be out again the next morning – and in the week commencing March 5,

What Allied said about the report's findings

A spokesperson for Allied Healthcare said: "After being alerted to the shortcomings in the local management and provision of reablement care by Essex County Council in March, Allied Healthcare immediately established a task force and began an internal investigation into the shortcomings, so as to urgently

rectify the issues identified and ensure adherence with our high-quality care and operating standards.

"As a result of Allied Healthcare's internal investigation, a formal action plan was agreed with the Care Quality Commission and Essex County Council to address the shortcomings identified. We

have already implemented the majority of necessary improvements to the service and continue to work closely with all parties to put the final elements in place within the agreed timeframe.

"The provision of safe continuity of care remains Allied Healthcare's utmost priority."

1,320 visits had been cancelled or missed to these 530 people.

One person who had used the service for six weeks had experienced frequent missed calls – they were diabetic but also had rheumatoid arthritis and were therefore unable to prepare their own food leading to episodes of hypoglycaemia.

Another who had been assessed as requiring two carers to support with personal care due to mobility issues, Alzheimer's and incontinence issues, had been called on two days to say that none of the four calls required those days could be fulfilled due to lack of staff.

There was also an occasion where a carer had arrived at this

person's home to support with personal care, but had to cancel as no second carer had arrived.

This person was left without the care they required, even when they scored as a high risk red rating on the vulnerability index.

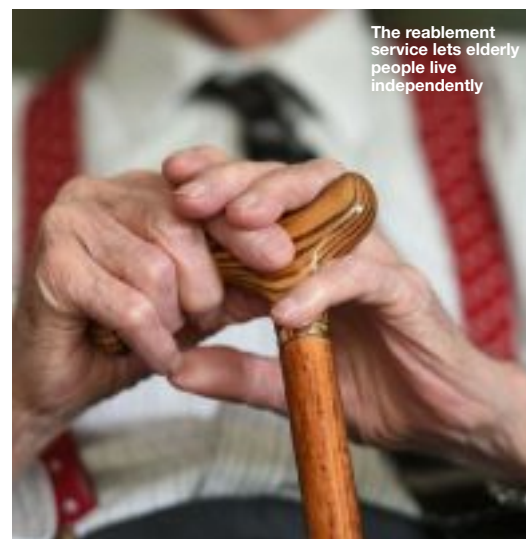
Since then the service has had time to stabilise and recover. There has been a "vast improvement" in the number of late and missed calls which are now minimal. The provider has been working with the Local Authority Commissioners to ensure further improvements are in place so that people receive a good quality service and are kept safe.

The numbers of people using the service had reduced from 530

to under 200. This meant there was capacity to ensure people received their calls on time and for the allocated time.

The service helps people who may be struggling with everyday tasks such as getting up, washing and dressing and preparing meals and snacks in their own homes after a result of an illness, a hospital stay or disability.

A statement by the CQC into the service said: "Staff morale was not good. Staff were leaving and others were visibly distressed and upset by the situation at the service. There had been some staff meetings but staff felt that they were not being listened to and that the managers did not understand the gravity of the situation



they were in. Staff in the office told us that they had asked that there was a halt on new care packages whilst they focus on the support of the people already receiving care, but they were told that this was not an option. Staff in the field told us that they were exhausted.

Care call

"One staff member told us that they were expected to complete a care call at 3am, then to be out again the next morning. One of the scheduling staff told us that as staff had so many care calls to deliver in a day these were getting later and later and staff were

becoming increasingly tired. "Some staff we spoke to told us that they felt that if they told us the real situation that they would risk their jobs. When we spoke to senior managers about this they acknowledged that they had not provided support to the office staff and said that this was in part due to the registered manager who was no longer at the service."

The CQC carried out the unannounced inspection after service users, their relatives and staff raised serious concerns. They found that safety was inadequate, and that there was inadequate leadership.

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YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Community art project will highlight the work of hospice

St Clare Hospice is preparing to launch a community art project during Hospice Care Week, a national week of awareness-raising by the UK's 200-plus hospices (October 8-14).

The theme of this year's Hospice Care Week is 'I heart my hospice' which has inspired the idea for St Clare's Heart your Hospice art project.

The five-month long community art project will launch at an Open Hospice event to be held in the Hastingwood hospice centre on Wednesday, October 10 and culminate with a final art piece completed by Valentine's Day, February 14.

The Hospice's community engagement manager, Sally Muylers, is running the event and art project as a way to open up hospice care, and raise awareness of the charity's free services, to more people from across West Essex and East Herts.

Outlining the Heart your Hospice art project, Sally Muylers, said: "The Heart your Hospice community art project is about bringing together people from across our catchment area, and welcoming them to find out more about their hospice, and what we can do for them."

"Many people see the hospice as just one building

near Harlow – but we believe a hospice is also a very special way of caring, and connecting with people, which reaches far beyond the four walls of our centre in Hastingwood.

"We want St Clare to be a place which is supporting people, and connecting with them, wherever they are – and whatever stage of life they are at, not just at the end of their life."

"Following the theme for the national Hospice Care Week of 'I heart my hospice' we are aiming to create a community art piece in the shape of a heart, made up of hearts that are created and decorated by people from across our catchment area.

"We are inviting local art and craft groups, schools, and any other local community groups, to get involved in helping to build this piece of art.

"It represents that we are a local hospice, for local people, and funded by local people.

"It is thanks to the heartfelt support of our local people that we are able to exist, and to deliver our compassionate care for free, which touches the hearts of so many people in our community."

The Hospice is holding an Open Hospice event to launch the art project on Wednesday, October 10, 9.30am – 12pm, at St Clare

Hospice, Hastingwood Road, Hastingwood, CM17 9JX.

There are a limited number of spaces for community groups, so if you would like to attend please book your place with Sally Muylers on 01279 773709 or email sally.muylers@stclarehospice.org.uk

The Heart your Hospice art project will also be touring around West Essex and East Herts over the next few months.

Sally will be able to deliver a myth busting hospice awareness workshop to your community group, and introduce the art project to you, so that you can create your own hearts for the art piece.

If you would be interested in arranging a workshop and to take part in the Heart your Hospice project, please contact Sally.

To help as many people as possible to get involved in creating a heart to be included in the art piece, the Hospice have created a simple downloadable template which is available on their website for free: stclarehospice.org.uk/heart-your-hospice

Simply download the template, cut out your heart shape, decorate it and return it with your name and contact details to: FAO Sally Muylers, St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood Road, Hastingwood, CM17 9JX

Young trio start a six-month stint volunteering at St Clare

HASTINGWOOD-BASED charity St Clare Hospice has welcomed three new Young Ambassadors to its hospice clinical teams in the scheme's third year of success.

Zoe Donnelly, 17, from Loughton, Theo Hall, 16, from Bishop's Stortford, and Megan Plenderleith, 17, from Cambridge, will join St Clare on a six-month voluntary placement until February.

The trio will experience a unique insight into the variety of roles required to provide the highest standards of care to patients with life-limiting conditions at St Clare.

The Young Ambassadors scheme offers young people aged 16-18 the opportunity to volunteer on St Clare's Inpatient Unit in an exclusive six-month, hands-on clinical voluntary placement.

Open to anyone interested in a career in medicine, nursing, or healthcare, the scheme offers an opportunity to gain practical experience of the clinical world and voluntary sector.

During the six months, volunteers will be responsible for vital housekeeping duties within the Inpatient Unit, as well as having the opportunity to shadow nursing staff and other clinical staff.

The project also aims to help students to enhance their college, university or job applications, whilst also offering valuable life skills development through direct contact with patients, families and hospice care teams.

St Clare Hospice's voluntary services manager, Rob Wallace, said: "We are delighted to be welcoming our three new Young Ambassadors to the hospice."

"The previous two years in which the project has been running have been absolutely excellent, proving to be an invaluable source of education and insight for the young people who take part."

"Young Ambassadors are also key representatives of St Clare, helping to show the public and the younger generation that hospices are about hope, trust and support."

"We know that Zoe, Theo and Megan will be perfect to take on the responsibility of this voluntary role here at St Clare. We're wishing them the best of luck for the six months, and we hope they enjoy it and have fun too."

Commenting at the start of the Young Ambassadors project, Zoe said: "I first applied for the Young Ambassadors project at St Clare because I wanted to find out more about the

work they do, and about hospices in general.

"I'm hoping to study medicine myself when I go to university, and, in my opinion, palliative medicine is one of the most challenging areas of the practice."

"Therefore, I'm really looking forward to gaining experience and insight in the field of palliative care as a Young Ambassador – especially at my local hospice, St Clare."

"When I attended my interview for the project, it was the first time I had ever set foot in a hospice."

"Immediately, I was surprised to realise what a bright, cheerful and positive place it was, so I knew at once that I would enjoy volunteering here."

Megan added: "The Young Ambassadors project is an outstanding volunteering opportunity for young people who wish to work within the healthcare sector."

"I'm so glad I applied for the project as I feel really lucky to be here, and am looking forward to showing what I have to offer."

"I had never visited a hospice before I started my role as a Young Ambassador – I, too, used to think that hospices were just places to come to die, but after learning about St Clare's care



St Clare's new Young Ambassadors, Zoe, Theo and Megan

and support for local people, I realised that hospice care is so much more.

"St Clare is so upbeat, friendly and homely; I'm really looking forward to volunteering here."

"After sixth form, I had been hoping to study child psychology, but after just a few days of volunteering with St Clare, I knew that I had an interest in becoming a clinical psychologist in specialist, palliative care."

"I'm hoping to meet people here at St Clare who

can help me to understand what it is like to live with a life-limiting illness, so that I can support people as best as I can throughout my own career."

Theo added: "When I first arrived at St Clare, I immediately remarked the atmosphere as something I did not expect."

"It was one that reminded me of home and not a hospital in any way. It was beautifully clean and comfy and I immediately felt as though I fit in wonderfully."

"I look forward to starting my Young Ambassadors Project and learning more about how a hospice works."

For more information on the Young Ambassadors scheme, visit the www.stclarehospice.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/young-ambassador.

Alternatively, you can contact St Clare's voluntary services manager, Rob Wallace, via email at volunteer@stclarehospice.org.uk or phone 01279 773722.

YOUR VIEWS

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It's no joke to suffer mental health issues

I AM sick to death of people having no empathy for mental health sufferers.

I do stand-up comedy to forget about the constant anxiety in my mind, and the crippling depression from worry.

We are all wired up differently and this needs to be respected in society, yet it still gets pushed under the carpet.

People ignore us in mental health, because they can't physically see our suffering.

I have performed stand-up comedy for free for years now. It gives me a purpose and releases happy chemicals. Someone recently lied to the Jobcentre about me, saying I was being paid for comedy. I have not once been paid for a gig. One day I hope to so I'm off of the degrading benefit system.

We are lucky to have our system because I've lived in India and the poverty there is astonishingly heart breaking.

If someone is going to report benefits fraud, then make sure you have sufficient evidence. Lying to the authorities, because you are jealous, is also a crime.

Please be mindful of the person who you are giving false evidence about. If they suffer from a mental health illness, this could be the final thing, to tip them over the edge and you don't want that on your conscience!

Please be more empathetic to those suffering from mental health conditions.

Thank you.

Clare Harrison McCartney
Via email

Increase in hate crimes concern

STAND Up to Racism Harlow activists are deeply

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Please be more empathetic to those suffering
Clare Harrison McCartney

concerned by the increase in racially aggravated hate crimes across Essex reported in the Harlow Star (September 13).

We will be holding a local forum on October 3 at 7.30pm at Harlow College to discuss how we respond to the rise in racism. We will bring together local activists, trade unionists, politicians and members of different faith groups. Anti racists are welcome to attend and to discuss how we can build for the Stand Up to Racism International Conference to be held in London on October 20 and the Unity demonstration on November 17 (there will be a coach from Harlow). For more details on any or all of these events visit the Stand Up To Racism Harlow Facebook page.

We urge all those who share our concerns to come on October 3 and let's start to turn the tide on racism.

Name and address supplied

Time to say Arriva-derci

FOR those readers who enjoy a bit of real fiction can I suggest the Arriva bus timetable for Harlow – it's not exactly riveting stuff but

it is pure fiction.

For a company that enjoys a healthy contribution from the tax payers of Harlow to maintain their timetable, the constant cutting out completely of many of their services is just not acceptable.

Waiting for the lesser seen Route 3 from the town is an experience in itself with as many as FOUR cancellations on the trot. It's time for Arriva to either up their game or to say Arriva-derci.

Terry Johns Abbottsweld

From a spirit of hope to hatred

LETTER to Robert Halfon, MP: Many people in Harlow have voted Conservative in the past but the Conservative Party has changed enormously. The Conservatives were previously considered the party of business, good economic governance and public order, but that no longer seems to be the case.

Earlier this year, the government commissioned a study, which looked at various Brexit scenarios, including leaving without a deal. According to the Financial Times, the government study showed that we will be worse off under any Brexit scenario. Growth will be hit; Britain's most advanced industries and the City, the country's economic powerhouse, will be harmed, as will the lives of working people. There will be less tax to pay for services, such as the NHS, education, even pensions. This will affect us all, whether in work, out of work or retired.

WEBCHAT What you've been talking about this week on social media

■ HARLOW EDINBURGH WAY REMAINS CLOSED FOR THE THIRD DAY FOLLOWING GAS LEAK:

The police had multiple calls yesterday as people were ignoring the road closed signs and continuing down to the traffic lights only to just turn around. Was absolute chaos, I know many drivers in the Argos/bunnings car park spent well over 2-3 hours stuck in the car park because of it and several cars were abandoned there overnight! Shocking to say the least!

Matthew Barnett

■ HARLOW EDINBURGH WAY CLOSED WITH 'SHOPS EVACUATED' AFTER GAS LEAK:

Oh Dear I expect that is causing a major problem, my sister-in-law lives not far from there in the UK.

Pauline Quant

Explains the traffic earlier.

Becca Leanne

■ HEARTBROKEN TEACHERS SHARE THE WORST PACKED LUNCHES THEY'VE EVER SEEN:

Solution: free school meals for infants, juniors year 5

and 6 can do their own lunches and learn about healthy eating along the way.

Chloe Stevens

Nothing surprises me anymore!

Pauline Quant

■ FORECASTER WARNS UK COULD FACE FOUR MONTHS OF SNOW STARTING IN JUST A FEW WEEKS:

Really hope not!

Janet Piper

It's coming.

Ben Burman

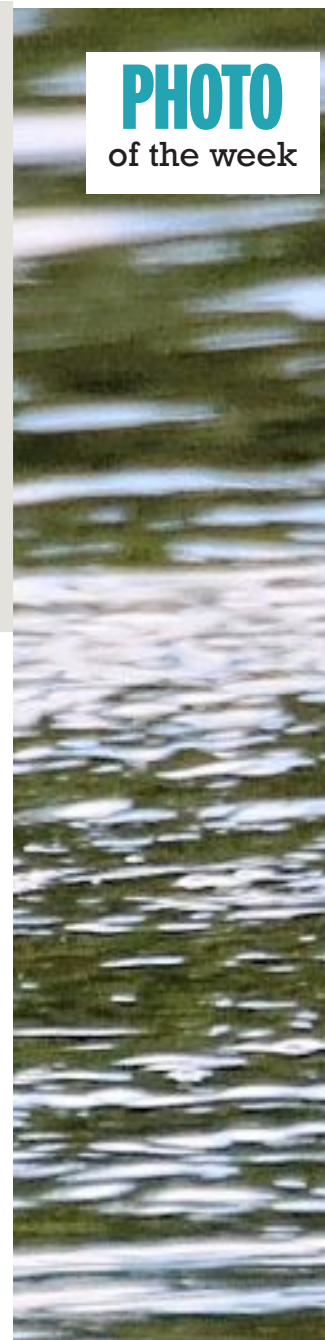
ministers, such as Liam Fox, suggest that crashing out now seems the more likely scenario. If this happens, there will on that day be no deals in place with any country. No UK vehicle insurance will be valid outside the UK. Lorries will stop crossing the border. Planes will stop flying. Heathrow is planning for a two to three month shutdown.

Under these circumstances, Robert, how would you vote? We, your constituents need to know. Have you read your own government's impact studies? Would you support leaving the EU with no deal, knowing how harmful that would be to our country? Do you fully understand the implications of the preparations Harlow Council will have to make for a no deal scenario? Or would you support extending Article 50, allowing time for a People's Vote? Will you obey your party's instructions or, heeding the government's own impact studies, will you vote in the best interests of our nation?

Yet all of this remains a government choice. All of the consequences from this will have been because of the actions of your government. Right the way through from the calling of the referendum to finishing with the most likely outcome of no deal and the chaos which will result from that outcome. Conservatives have taken us from the spirit of hope in the 2012 Olympics to the hate and anger of 2018. This will be remembered for a long, long time.

Andrew Wallace
Via email

PHOTO of the week



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A beautiful picture taken at Panshanger Park by Graham Brown

RT. HON. ROBERT HALFON MP

I KICK-STARTED the new term in Westminster by paying a visit to the Prime Minister's front door. Together with FairFuelUK, a campaign group for motorists, and two charities, CLIC Sargent, which supports children with cancer, and Headway, which looks after those with head injuries, I presented a petition at 10 Downing Street, to scrap hospital car parking charges in England. Why scrap hospital car parking fees? I believe that

they are a stealth tax on the sick, the vulnerable, on families and on our hard-working NHS employees. CLIC Sargent's Cancer Costs research shows families visiting their children undergoing cancer treatments spend between £44 and £37 on average on hospital parking.

Headway has supported families spending more than £1,500 in parking fees in just 15 weeks.

It would be great to have your support on this. If you

would like to take this further with me, please sign my online petition at: www.petition.parliament.uk/petitions/219650

Also this month, as Chair of the Education Select Committee, I have been discussing our most recent report on alternative provision and the ever-increasing number of exclusions in schools.

My passion is helping young people climb the ladder of opportunity, but I am concerned that too many

children are being excluded and then left abandoned to a forgotten part of our education system.

The report sheds light on the need for reform and urges the Government to take on board the Committee's practical recommendations for more effective alternative provision.

Finally, I hosted my seventh annual Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair in Harlow.

The day was a tremendous

success, with job seekers and students from all across Essex turning up to learn about what Harlow has to offer.

Nearly 60 local, national and international companies and charities were showcasing their opportunities. Among them, were Pearsons, Greene King, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Barclays, Asda and the British Army - quite a variety.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the exhibitors for

giving up their time and to everyone that attended on the day - it was so great to chat to you all and I hope that many of you will go on to secure new jobs in Harlow.

As ever, follow my news and campaigns on social media: Facebook @RobertHalfon and Twitter @Halfon4HarlowMP or send me an email at: halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com.

I'll be in touch again next month.

TALKING POINT

Investment in mental health care is important

THE BIG QUESTION:

Should more funding be made available for research and treatment of mental health issues?



LIB DEMS

THE national government has promised equal funding for mental health in comparison to physical health for a number of years.

Sadly, as with so many of their policies it is a question of attempting to talk big and hoping the public forget to hold them to their promises.

However, it is not easy for those suffering mental health problems to forget just how bad the mental health services in this country are.

Recent reports state it can take as long as two years for someone with a severe mental health problem to even be seen.

So much for equality of funding and treatment.

Critics might say that there is not a bottomless pit of money and that the NHS is short of funding in all areas.

But this is to overlook the unfairness of mentally ill patients being treated with less urgency than

physically ill ones.

Untreated mental illness can lead to emotional and physical problems for both the patient and their loved ones as well as a financial burden on public services.

In the absence of treatment, more pressure is put on the police and on prisons, where all too many sick people are put in the absence of anywhere else for them to go.

What's more, swift intervention for mentally ill people can aid them to get back on their feet and in work, saving money for the welfare state.

Locally, we are in a shocking position where mental health in-patients from Bishop's Stortford have to go as far away as Stevenage to access these services, causing more isolation for an already highly vulnerable group.

In addition, outpatient services have been severely cut, including the loss of the



Chris Wilson

personality disorder team that covered the whole of Hertfordshire.

Mentally ill people are still second-class citizens in this town.

LABOUR

THE Campaign Against Living Miserably reports that suicide is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK.

However shocking of a statistic it may seem, with the combination of societal pressures, and the 'Man Up' mentality that a lot of young men face, it's evident that as a group, their mental health is really taking its toll.

Whilst education from an early age surrounding mental health and speaking up about how we feel is important, once encouraged to openly talk about our struggles, we're often faced with a brick wall.

Our NHS is brilliant – but it's clear that it's massively under-funded, and GPs cannot offer adequate support to refer those seeking mental health treatment.

Incorrect referrals and inaccurate diagnosis from those who are not mental health specialists can often

end up being detrimental to those who are suffering. People's mental health can greatly deteriorate while on long waiting lists, and it is absolutely vital that there is support and treatment available from the start, not until someone is at risk.

We need a specialist service that actively researches and helps treat those struggling with their mental health, one that can offer different ways of support such as therapy and medication for a multifaceted range of illnesses.

It is crucial that the mental health services available are visible and easy for people to access.

While this requires more funding, it should be said that people's mental health and well-being is absolutely vital – and in these difficult times of austerity we must do our absolute all to ensure that no one is struggling with



Shannon Jezzard

their mental health in isolation, and that people's concerns about their mental well-being must be taken as seriously as physical illness.

UKIP

THE very simple answer to this is YES.

In today's frantic and fast-moving world, mental health issues are on the increase at an alarming rate. The huge increase in population along with the stress of day to day living and lifestyle is setting us up for a frightening future in terms of mental health.

In my opinion money for mental health and social care must be found and very quickly.

When we look at the amount of money our government waste every year we see billions of pounds

sent out of the country on foreign aid (most of which is not going to worthy causes or to countries that need it).

We see billions of pounds wasted on the EU club so that we can 'buy in' to a so called trade arrangement that actually works against us in trading terms. Maybe we should sit down for a few minutes and think about what a billion pounds actually looks like?

Can readers imagine a billion pounds in £20 notes sitting on the floor of their lounge? The figures often go over our head but the fact is

currently, we waste something like 20 billion a year on these two things alone and what does that mean? It means that while we are wasting such amounts and the public continue to tolerate it, we are unable to find money for mental health, social care, the NHS etc.

Clearly one of the big questions from our government is 'where do we find the money?' I have just answered it for you Mrs May so get on with it.

Stop wasting our money abroad and spend it at home



Peter Day

on the needs of today and tomorrow. One big area to start is mental health.

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT ANSWERED?

■ Every week, we'll be putting your questions to representatives of each of your main local parties. So get involved! Email your questions to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda.

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YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

From Matilda to the BFG: Roald Dahl celebration provides inspiration

ONE of the nation's best-loved authors was celebrated at Passmores when the school's English Department organised a week of Roald Dahl inspired activities.

The students' creativity and imagination was captured as they discussed the work of Dahl, who is famed not only for his short stories for children and adults, but also for his work as a scriptwriter.

The introduction of more rigorous GCSEs in 2017 means that to be able to access exams across all subject areas, it is crucial that students are competent readers. Passmores has always encouraged reading for pleasure for both its staff and students, with the aim of developing a life-long love of literature.

Throughout the week, the students immersed themselves in themed creative writing lessons, which culminated in a day of celebration on the anniversary of the author's birthday. The whole of the English Department became a Dahl-inspired fantasy world, complete with Wonka Bar wrapped doors, and staff dressed as some of the writer's most extraordinary characters, including

Augustus Gloop and Mrs Trunchbull.

The resulting displays of work caused a real stir, as students flocked to the English Department to take a look at the what they and students from other year groups had produced. One of the most intriguing tasks had involved making 'dream jars' on which the youngsters wrote down their hopes and dreams for the future.

English teacher and creator of the event, Danielle Edwards said, 'The idea for the dream jars came from Dahl's book, The BFG. In class, our young people shared what they had written and had some really interesting conversations about the books they've read and what they could read, especially as they get older. This challenged the concept where some students believe reading is not for them, or that it's only for younger children.'

"But this week we've had students visiting our department who wouldn't normally engage, which is wonderful. It was also a nice way to get to know the children as we start the new academic year and provided a real insight in to the teenage mind!"



Teachers dressed as characters from Roald Dahl's stories

School's new classrooms get big thumbs up from pupils

EXCITED pupils were eager to return to school to move into their brand-new classrooms.

Over the summer break, a team of builders set to work at Roydon Primary Academy, in Roydon, to extend the school building to add two extra classrooms.

Pupils in Year 2 and 3 – who previously were taught in 1980s huts – packed up their books and equipment and moved into the modern facilities.

Headteacher Michael Clark said: "The children are buzzing about their new classrooms. They have had their noses pushed against the windows as they have been so eager to check them out. They are excited to get their work on the walls and to put their stamp on it."

"The huts have been here for years, so it is quite a big

thing for everyone."

The extension, which went from nothing to a water-tight building in 24 hours, features solar panels on the roof which will not only power the new-build, but will help to power the main school.

The building work is the latest in a programme of improvements being made to the fabric of the school, following on from the transformation of a once flaky wall into a Gruffalo scene, the restoration of an old pond and allotment and the installation of an adventure trail.

Cost-effective LED lighting and new security gates were also added during the summer break.

The removal of the temporary classrooms later this year will provide the school with a larger play area.



Pupils were excited to move in to their new classrooms

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Exhibition focussed on glass and science

THE highly successful GLASSHAUS XII annual glass exhibition is now in its 13th year and this time will be focussed on the interaction between glass and science. It will show how scientific principles, either physical or chemical, can be exploited in the making process – or how science can directly influence the production, or be the subject of the artwork.

The exhibition will run until October 28 at The Gallery at Parndon Mill and is inspired by medical science. A series of pieces show the re-imagining of what an organic cell is, and how the act of making something that seems familiar show just how alien it may actually appear.

Four linked pieces by another artist represent the morphologies of red blood cells, responding to a number of hereditary diseases that affect their shape.

New techniques for integrating the graphic

impact of medical scans with the material and optical qualities of glass were developed when an artist became fascinated by how making, particularly in glass, can crystallise and communicate powerful ideas.

The science laboratory has inspired one of the regular exhibitors at Glasshaus to apply fanciful glass decoration to syringes. Another artist exhibits his version of retorts.

The work of two other artists relates the extreme forces of black holes in the universe. Another has made a wall piece based on the radar system used to ensure the safe running of the aeroplanes around the world.

Many of the exhibitors have been involved in the science of glass making to create their art. For instance the reactions that occur when metals such as copper and steel are exposed to increased temperatures and



A piece by Heike Brachlow

molten soda glass. The exposure to such high temperatures changes both metals from the familiar to the unrecognisable. A technique called Boiling Glass incorporates air pockets in the glass construction and when the fusing temperature is increased, a physical reaction takes place within the glass where the air rises to the surface, dragging the colours of the piece with it.

“Moonrocks” which appear to glow from within are another example of employing science to create a special effect.

Casting glass is all about science in action. The many materials and stages of the process involved in creating a cast glass object are a seamless fusion of art and science. The action of heat, gravity, viscosity, the chemistry of colour and how it reacts with light are all

intrinsic to creating an artwork in cast glass. There are impressive pieces by several artists in the exhibition.

The research for a PhD by one artist was the application of digital design and 3D printing for glass casting, for another's PhD thesis at the Royal College the study of colour in glass included how this could change dramatically when lit by different light sources.

One of the exhibitors is not primarily a glass artist. She is a practising neuro scientist with a keen interest in glass making and is building up her skills.

Science is a vast subject, but glass making can encompass a large array of techniques and results too, also showing imagination and innovation. Many can be seen in this exhibition which is interesting as well as enjoyable.

Harlow

■ **JAZZ GIG:** Music at Marigolds on Friday, September 28 29. Doors open at 7.30pm with the Clive Fenner Quintet.

At Harlow Cricket Club, Chippingfield, Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0DJ. Tickets: £10 on the door. See www.musicatmarigolds.co.uk for more info or call 01279 421763

■ **SOFT CELL:** The final - and sold out - show from Synth-pop pioneers, Soft Cell, will be broadcast live from London to Queensgate Centre, Edinburgh Way, Harlow on September 30, at 7.30pm. Celebrating their 40th anniversary, this will be the group's only and last ever show, as well as their first in 15 years. For more information, visit www.softcell.co.uk

■ **COMEDY CLUB:** On

Thursday, September 27 at 8pm (7.30pm doors) at Harlow Rugby Club. Tickets - £8 in advance (stbf online)/£10 on the door (subject to availability). Tickets available from <https://www.wegotickets.com/theharlowcomedyclub> or in person from the Rugby Club bar.

Hunsdon

■ **PILATES CLASSES:** Mondays 2 - 3pm at Hunsdon Village Hall. Friendly and welcoming classes. Pilates helps you achieve a balance of mind and body, plus focusing on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and posture. For more information, or to book your first complimentary class, (limited places) call Anne at Active Health Pilates and

More on 07717 333234, email activehealthpam@gmail.com or visit www.activehealthpilatesandmore.com

Sandon

■ **GREEN FINGERS:** Sandon Gardeners' Club meets every second Monday of the month at Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you have an interest in gardening, go along and join. New members are always welcome.

Contact chairman John Handley at: johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more.

Sawbridgeworth

■ **MORRIS MEET:** Fiddlers' Brook Morris meet every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near Sawbridgeworth. New comers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise

and friendship and to help keep a tradition going? Musicians also welcome. Call 01279 723707 or email neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see our Facebook page.

Standon

■ **TEEN DANCE:** DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week. Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

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Irish star will be kicking off his new Born for the Road tour in Harlow

FOLLOWING the success of his current Autumn tour, Irish Country-Pop crossover star Nathan Carter announces his Born For The Road 2019 tour.

The 20-date tour starting in Harlow on January 24 runs through to April 14 in Motherwell; the run also includes a date at the London Palladium on March 17.

Without a doubt, he is fast becoming one of the UK's most prolific touring artists, with his energetic showmanship proving irresistible for fans across the UK. As one of Ireland's biggest live music acts, Nathan is becoming a household name, with tracks from "Stayin' Up All Night"

becoming hits, such as "Wagon Wheel" and "I Wanna Dance".

Having recently played (2017/2018) arena shows in Ireland at the 3Arena Dublin and SSE Arena Belfast, this summer he cemented his superstar status performing for Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families event in Croke Park Dublin.

Success has also been replicated in the pop charts; he's previously beaten the likes of Drake and Beyonce to the top in Ireland, a monumental feat – with his last album, 2017's 'Livin' The Dream' being no different, going straight to No. 1.

Growing up in a house where Country and Western music filled the air, Nathan

was exposed to classic songs of Johnny Cash, Don Williams and Dolly Parton. From the tender age of 4 years old, not only learning to play guitar, piano and accordion, which plays a vital part in his live show, Nathan quickly became head chorister in the Liverpool Boys choir where he toured the world and even performed in front of the Pope in Rome.

For tickets, visit venue box offices or www.ticketline.co.uk

The new album Born For The Road is released on October 12; the autobiography of the same name is out September 28 on Penguin Books and available to buy at all shows..



Nathan Carter

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Charity makes messing about on the river accessible

A CHARITY dedicated to providing facilities for disabled people and people with special needs to enjoy boating on the river has received £1,000 cash boost from a leading housebuilder.

CanalAbility!, based in Harlow, was awarded the cash as part of Persimmon Homes' Community Champions scheme where charities and groups can apply for funding up to the value of £1,000 to match money they have already raised themselves.

The cash donation means the charity can carry out fundamental maintenance work to its specially adapted boats.

The organisation, established almost 30 years ago, is dedicated to providing affordable canal boat holidays and day trips for people with disabilities, their families, friends and other disability charities and community groups.

Doreen Goodall, from the charity, said: "Our objective is to provide disability access canal boats on The River

Stort and its donations like this that help us continue our work.

"We now operate three fully-adapted and accessible canal boats and provide boat trips and holidays to about 3000 people each year.

"With age and frequent use, our boats' facilities need constant attention. The money will go towards refitting the specially adapted toilet facilities on the boats.

"As a not-for-profit charity, we depend on donations, grants and sponsorship to keep our charges to users as low as possible. We also rely greatly on a large team of volunteers to skipper and crew our day trips and to supplement the work of our staff.

"We're very grateful to Persimmon Homes Essex for this fantastic donation."

Phil Standen, managing director for Persimmon Homes Essex said: "What a fantastic cause – a real Community Champion. This is exactly what our Community Champions



CanalAbility

scheme is all about, supporting good causes to make a positive change in the areas we work and live. We're thrilled to be able to offer our support.

The Persimmon Community Champions

initiative is a national programme. Each of Persimmon Homes' 30 business regions has two awards of up to £1,000 to handout each month.

Phil added: "We've made it really simple to apply for

funding, and we're urging groups and charities to apply for next month's donations by completing an online form on our website, at www.persimmonhomes.com/charity

Persimmon Homes is

currently building across the region, including its recently launched Gilden park development, off North Gilden Way, Harlow. Prices start from £225,000. For more information, visit: www.persimmonhomes.com

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Bereavements

Louisa BORUCH

Passed away peacefully following a short illness on 12th September 2018 aged 92 years.
She was surrounded by her loving family.
Much loved mother of Isabelle, Bernadette, Mary, Patricia & Jan Willem.
A beloved Grandma of David, James, Dale & Emma.
She was a "Grandma" to countless others.
Requiem mass to take place on Friday 28th September at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Bishops Stortford at 11.00am followed by Burial in Bishops Stortford Cemetery.
Family flowers only please but donations for the British Heart Foundation or The Redemptorist Mission Action may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3AL or Via In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk

Sarah Jane BOWLES (Nee Clifford)

Passed away peacefully at Mountfitchet House Care Home, on Thursday 13th September 2018, aged 59 years.
A dearly loved Wife, Mum, Gran, Sister and Auntie who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service to take place at St Mary the Virgin Church, Manuden, on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 10.30am
Flowers, or donations made payable to "St Clare Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79 - 81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AL, Tel: 01279 655477
or via the "In Memory Donation Pages" at www.drobinson.co.uk

Florrie BRACKENBOROUGH



Passed away peacefully, following a long battle with alzheimer's, on 12th September aged 93 years.
Dearly loved mother of Keith, grandmother of Kim and Brian and great-grandmother of Harrison, Thomas and Lewis.
Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Thursday 4th October at 10.45am.
Family flowers only please.
Donations may be made, in Florrie's name to Alzheimer Research UK via the funeral directors.
D C Poulton and Sons, 134 High Street, Epping, Essex, CM16 4AG

Bereavements

Sylvia Doris CHAPPLE

Passed away after a long illness on the 16th September 2018 aged 90 years.
She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.
Sylvia's funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Chigwell on Monday 8th October 2018 at 11.00am followed by interment in the churchyard.
Family flowers only please but donations for St Clare Hospice may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB Telephone 01279 722476
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Terry DAY

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 11th September 2018, aged 74 years.
A dearly loved Dad, Grandad and Uncle.
He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 28th September 2018 at 12.15pm.
Flowers and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79 - 81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AL, Tel: 01279 655477.

Maureen DRANE 'Pratt'

Passed away peacefully on 21st September 2018.
Much loved wife of Terry and Mum to Lee & Kerri.
For funeral details please contact Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

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VAL FORMAN

Sadly passed away on 18th September 2018 aged 72 Years.
Val will be sadly missed by all her Family & Friends.
Her Funeral Service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 1.00pm
Family flowers only please.
Donations made payable to "St Clare Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB Tel: 01279 722476
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Bereavements

Michael GILL

Sadly passed away on 9th September 2018, aged 65 years.
He will be greatly missed by all his loving family and friends.
Funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 5th October at 10.00am
Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be made payable to 'Age UK' as this was a cause Mick held close to his heart.
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Reginald John MERIDALE

Sadly passed away on August 31st 2018 aged 80 Years.
A Memorial Service will be held at Parndon Wood Chapel on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 1.00pm
Family flowers only please.
Donations may be made payable to 'Cancer Research UK' and be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM21 9DN. Tel: 01279 426990
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Keith Stanley NELSON

Of Evesham, Worcs. (Formerly of Bishops Stortford)
Passed away peacefully at the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch on September 18th 2018, aged 86 years.
Beloved father of Karen, Raymond and Sean, he will be dearly missed.
Funeral service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Leamington Spa on Tuesday, October 9th 2018 at 2.00pm.
Family flowers only. Donations for Alzheimer's Research UK may be sent c/o Merstow Green Funeral Home, Evesham, WR11 4BD. Enquiries Tel. 01386 49903

Allan PETCH (Wes)

Formerly of Barnstow Green & Stansted Mountfitchet.
Peacefully passed away aged 70 years in Admirals Reach Care Home, Chelmsford after a long illness.
He will be sadly missed by his friends.
Funeral service to take place on Thursday 4th October 2018 at Chelmsford Crematorium North Chapel at 1.00pm.
No flowers please.
For any further details please contact Daniel Robinson & Sons, Bishops Stortford. Tel 01279 655477

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Bereavements



Iris Joyce RAYBONE

Passed away peacefully on 18th September 2018, aged 79.
Loving wife to David.
Will be sadly missed.
Funeral Service at St Peters Church, Ugley on Wednesday 3rd October at 1 pm.
Family flowers only, donations to St. Clares Hospice welcome.
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Graham John ROBINSON



Suddenly, but peacefully, passed away on 2nd September 2018, whilst enjoying a holiday on a cruise.
He had a wonderful, positive outlook and lived life to the full, right up to the end. Graham would say that 'ageing and growing old are not necessarily the same thing....'
Much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and a kind friend to many, he will be sorely missed.
A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Greenacres, Epping Forest, Kiln Road, North Weald CM16 6AD on Monday 8th October at 1:00pm
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Ron SHEARMAN

Passed away peacefully on 21st September, aged 77 years.
Loving Husband, Father and Grandad.
Sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service to take place Thursday 4th October, 1.00pm, Parndon Wood Crematorium. All welcome.
Family flowers only preferred, donations to St Clare Hospice or Prostate Cancer UK c/o F J Pinnock & Son 10 Bush House, Bush Fair Harlow CM18 6NS

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Bereavements

Pamela SHILLITO

Sadly passed away on 16th September 2018, aged 80 years.

A wonderful Wife to Robert & Mother to Wendy, Mark, Emma and a proud Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

She will be sadly missed by all her family & friends.

Funeral service to take place on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at All Saints Church, Bishops Stortford at 2.00pm, followed by a private burial in Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.

Family flowers only please but donations for "Isabel Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 3AL

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Acknowledgements

Alex WHITE

In loving memory of Alex, much loved wife to Peter and mother of Julia, Nick and Nigel. Loving grandmother to Harrison, Ella, Harvey, India, Chloe and Chiara, Alex is missed so much by her family and many friends.

Alex' family would like to thank everybody who attended her funeral and for the many messages of support, cards, flowers and donations they have received in her memory. Special thanks to the staff at Tye Green Lodge, Harlow for their care of Alex, to Di Kitson for a wonderful service, the Hunters Meet and to the staff at Daniel Robinson in Sawbridgeworth for their care and professionalism.

Please accept this as our only but most sincere acknowledgement.

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Alf ANDREWS

Dad

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Lyn, Chas & Family xx

Irene Daisy GREEN

Treasured memories of a loving wife, mum and nan for the 2nd October.

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From all your loving Family xxx

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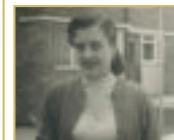
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FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Kevin Hart stars as Teddy Walker in *Night School*
Photo: Universal Pictures/Eli Ade

NIGHT SCHOOL (12A)

Teddy Walker (Kevin Hart) is one of the best salesmen of grills and barbecues and he hopes to capitalise on that success by proposing to his beautiful girlfriend Lisa (Megalyne Echikunwoke).

His plan culminates in an explosion that leaves poor Teddy in need of a new job.

A good friend (Ben Schwartz), who works for a firm of stockbrokers, would love to hire Teddy except he dropped out of Piedmont High School a couple of credits shy of graduating.

If Teddy wants to secure a well-paid career and provide for Lisa, he will have to go back into education.

After an awkward conversation with Piedmont High School's principal (Taran Killam), Teddy enrolls in night classes along with a motley crew of dreamers and misfits including Luis (Al Madrigal), Mila (Anne Winters) and Theresa (Mary Lynn Rajskub).

Their teacher Carrie (Tiffany Haddish) explains that she is only taking the classes to make extra money and she will not tolerate time wasters.

"If you're not going to do the work, drop the class," Carrie tells Teddy and the salesman discovers that his teacher is the first person he has met who is impervious to his slick patter.

BLACK '47 (15)

In 1847, Ireland is in the grip of the Great Famine. Martin Feeney (James Frecheville) returns home from his tour of duty with the Connaught Rangers to learn that his mother has died.

His brother's widow Ellie (Sarah Greene) takes him in with her three children and they make plans to move to America before the authorities can forcibly remove them from their squat.

Unfortunately, the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) evict Martin, Ellie and the children.

In the ensuing struggle, Feeney lashes out to protect what remains of his family and kills members of the RIC.

The British assign an officer called Pope (Freddie Fox) to track down Feeney and bring the murderer to justice with the help of younger recruit Hobson (Barry Keoghan).

Pope forces one of Feeney's friends, Hannah (Hugo Weaving), to take part in the manhunt before the fugitive can exact revenge on everyone he holds responsible for the death of his brother.

A tense game of cat and mouse plays out as the people of Ireland suffer horribly.



Christian Slater as Nathaniel Bone, Glenn Close as Joan Castleman and Jonathan Pryce as Joe Castleman Photo: Graeme Hunter Pictures

Battle of the sexes

THE WIFE (15) ★★★★★

The mercurial Glenn Close makes a compelling bid for her seventh Oscar nomination in the title role of director Bjorn Runge's slow-burning drama adapted from the novel by Meg Wolitzer.

Oscillating between two time frames, *The Wife* is a meticulously constructed character study, which exposes the steely resolve and indignation of a woman who has honoured her wedding vows to a man with a roving eye and an insatiable hunger for recognition.

"There's nothing more dangerous than a writer whose feelings have been hurt," observes Close's dutiful spouse, a casual aside which resonates with increasing ferocity as the plot unravels and dark secrets are unearthed.

Everything we need to know about the central couple's marriage seems to be encapsulated in an opening bedroom scene.

Close wearily fends off her husband as he exercises his early morning conjugal rights.

"You don't have to do anything, just lie there," he

tells her, focused solely on personal gratification.

The enduring pleasure of Runge's film is witnessing the balance of power shift between the well-drawn characters, building to a dazzling explosion of verbal fireworks that makes sense of throwaway comments and gestures that have tantalised us until this turning point.

In 1992 Connecticut, celebrated writer Joe Castleman (Jonathan Pryce) receives a telephone call from Stockholm to confirm he has

been selected as this year's recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Joe's wife Joan (Close) celebrates with her spouse yet there is unspoken tension.

The Castlemans travel to Sweden on Concorde and mid-flight, they are pestered by muck-raking journalist Nathaniel Bone (Christian Slater), who is keen to pen a biography on Joe and hopes that he can get to his unwilling subject via Joan.

Nathaniel slyly repeats toxic title tattle about the couple's

relationship to get a rise from Joan.

"If you're trolling for nuggets of bitterness here, you'll find none," she coolly rebukes the hack.

While she fends off Nathaniel's unwelcome overtures, Joan also acts as peacemaker between Joe and their son David (Max Irons), a writer desperate for his father's approval.

As the prize ceremony approaches, flashbacks to 1958 Massachusetts reveal the origins of the Castlemans' relationship at a women's liberal arts college where Joan (Annie Starke) is a naive student and Joe (Harry Lloyd) is her married tutor, who intends her to be more than his babysitter.

The Wife is draped elegantly around Close and her deeply moving performance.

Pryce portrays a boor with gusto and he sparks fiery on-screen chemistry with Irons as the prodigal son, whose self-belief can be undermined by a single laser-guided word of criticism from his old man.

By the incendiary final frames of Runge's satisfying film, the younger Castleman discovers that he has been forlornly searching for validation in the wrong place.



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HOTSEAT

Kevin McCloud has been presenting Grand Designs for 21 years



Grand Designs has nothing to do with money or size... it's about vision

'RECOVERING WORKAHOLIC' KEVIN MCCLOUD, 59, IS BACK ON THE ROAD FOR ANOTHER SERIES OF GRAND DESIGNS - WITH MORE AMBITIOUS BUILDS, TO BOOT. GEMMA DUNN FINDS OUT MORE

How have the houses we are building evolved since Grand Designs first aired?

WE started making Grand Designs 21 years ago. We were still at the end of the 20th Century and we were still in a little bit of an insecure relationship with that century in many ways.

It was the century of modernism, of international architecture, of functionalism, of brutalism, of trying to design for modern use. And actually, back then we were still building houses with dining rooms in them. It seemed at odds with the way that we had been living for 30 or 40 years, I think we've moved on.

In a world where we're hearing lots about properties getting smaller, are people still building grand, opulent homes?

WE deliberately mix it up - we always think there's space at least for one silly big thing. And in a way it's easier for me to criticise the bigger projects because they tend to be a bit more

overblown, a bit more wasteful.

Sometimes people are guilty of chequebook architecture, where they just spend their way out of a problem. So for me, the smaller projects are always more exciting because they're the ones that really challenge and tend to be more accessible for viewers.

I will also say that the word 'Grand' in Grand Designs - in my view at least - has got nothing to do with money or size. It's got to do with vision.

This series contains some remarkable builds. One of them will resonate with people of a certain age because there's a Ferris Bueller link...

SO many people know that movie. This project is in Padstow and draws its inspiration from the house featured in the film, a real house in Illinois. Our couple, originally from London, had never gone to Illinois to visit it. So this programme ends up as an interesting lesson on what happens when you pursue an idea on a whim.

Can you tell us more about Grand Designs' first ever 'healthy house', too?

IT's a really interesting case where two of the children are very allergic and have to be regularly treated at hospital.

I'm interested in this personally because I'm an asthmatic, so I'm very



Kevin with Harry and Bryony Anscombe and their Ferris Bueller-inspired home

careful about the air quality where I live and anywhere I like to stay. But for these guys, it's a totally different ball game. For example, the majority of domestic carpets in the UK use glue that lets off gases. What these owners have built for their boys is a house using carpet with no solvent-based glue on the back. They've used solvent-free, low-VOC paint; they've used a minimum number of glues,

and the MDF in the building only contains trace elements of formaldehyde and no varnishes.

You've previously admitted to being a 'workaholic' - how much of your year is taken up by Grand Designs?

MOST of it. I work on my business [HAB Housing] about half the time, but that's not actually in the business, because when I'm filming [Grand Designs] I spend about six hours a day travelling.

So I use that travel time to work and I'm very adept at sitting on trains with a laptop. But I'm a recovering workaholic. I have had to sit in meetings with my hands tucked under myself in order not to sound too enthusiastic or optimistic about things, and I've had to admit that I'm a workaholic and make very big commitments to not be.

What keeps you doing it - what's your motivation?

MONEY'S always a good motivator, isn't it? Paying the bills is good. It is quite addictive.

There are lots of reasons, but fundamentally the process of sharing an experience with people who are creating something from scratch is really powerful. Building a house is the biggest single act of commissioning, and probably the biggest single act of creativity, that most of us might ever go through. And we're all capable of it. So the reason why

people watch is why I do it. We all get drawn in by the vicarious pleasure and the excitement.

Would you ever do a Grand Design for your own home?

I HAVE done, but I don't talk about it. Firstly, because talking about your own build is a very different thing from guiding the viewer through someone else's project. Secondly, I value a degree of privacy.

Filming can be stressful and personal, so hats off to all the people who let us into their homes and into their lives. I think they do it because they recognise the significance of the process and they want to have it recorded for them, for their family and for posterity.

Lastly, chefs often say that people never like cooking for them. Are people terrified of inviting you into their homes?

I'M such a pussycat. People are immensely self-conscious about their homes.

A mate of mine isn't a dad, but he's got about 15 godchildren. I asked him what that was like, and he said it's great, because every time he sees them, they're on their best behaviour. That's kind of how I feel about houses, I really like it when I go round to someone's house and they have bothered to tidy up!

■ Grand Designs is on Channel 4, Wednesdays, at 9pm.

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Kevin McCloud

SPOTLIGHT

We share the same sense of humour. There's something in our bones



Nicola and Rosie Dempsey

Real-life sisters Nicola and Rosie Dempsey are finding fame as comedy musical duo Flo And Joan. They tell **MARION McMULLEN** about their influences and why their new sister act is a winner

Your 2016 Song has become a viral hit and been viewed more than 50 million times, but do you think you are comedy Marmite?

Rosie: I think in terms of comedy and entertainment, everyone is Marmite even large acts like Michael McIntyre and Peter Kay. Comedy divides people down the middle. If everyone loved what we did I'd be a bit suspicious.

Was it worrying when you received online death threats after appearing in the Nationwide Building Society adverts earlier this year?

Nicola: We know what the internet is like, we've grown up with it, so it doesn't really cause concern us about what goes on there.

Rosie: We don't have a problem with hecklers either – it's difficult to heckle a song. (Laughs) And that's definitely not a challenge.

We're not inviting people to come along and see if they can heckle us. Sometimes we have people who sing along with us but that's nice.

Did you both get along growing up?

Rosie: We probably grew closer after we both went away to uni. We were always bickering when we were young – as sisters do – and we were a tag team annoying mum.

I think we grew closer later. Nicola moved out to Canada and then invited me to stay.

Nicola: I did music at university, but in the second year I wasn't enjoying it. I finished and started exploring American television shows that I really loved and did some research and came up with the impro company Second City.

I always watched a lot of comedy as a kid and BBC Radio 4 bought one of my jokes and I thought there might be something in it. We both started doing impro and writing classes and Flo & Joan came out of musical comedy we liked such as Victoria Wood.

We started performing and thought 'If it goes wrong, no-one knows us in Canada and is going to know'.

What are your telly favourites?

Nicola: (Laughs) Rosie will watch anything. I remember watching 30

Rock, Parks And Recreation, The It Crowd and Smack The Pony. We were probably too young to be watching Smack The Pony, but we loved the quickness of it.

Rosie: There was Wood and Walters and well, Monty Python... all things like that.

Do you share the same sense of humour?

Rosie: Yeah, definitely. There's something in our bones. Sometimes we have different opinions on things, we're very different people, but we agree when it comes to subjects and songs.

Nicola: Sometimes we'll be watching something and both think 'We've got to write a song about them.' Our new song about sex robots came about because we were watching This Morning and they were talking about them and we just both looked at each other and thought 'We've got to write a song about sex robots.'

You had to add extra shows at the Edinburgh Festival and are now touring the UK with Alive On Stage. What can audiences expect?

Nicola: It's been quite a nice summer. We sold out all the shows so they chucked in a couple more. It's a slightly longer show for the tour. The first half will be new songs – weddings, sex robots and Leslie Ash, although probably not all in the same song – and we will be doing

some older ones in the second half.

(Laughs) I wouldn't call them our best hits, we're not at the stage yet, but they are our favourites. They are songs people might have heard on albums or online, but not seen live before.

Has music always been part of your lives?

Rosie: Music was always around growing up. Mum was into music and it was always playing in the house. She would take us to musicals and local am-dram societies when we were younger.

Mum was into classical music as well and we had pop songs, disco and 80s and 90s music.

Nicola plays keyboard and I do beats on percussion and, depending on the style of songs, you'll see me playing castanets as well.

Nicola: Rosie can play the flute and trumpet as well and she's a professional percussionist but we don't have enough space to carry around a full drum kit on tour.

What's next after the tour?

Nicola: We'll be thinking about a show for next year for Edinburgh and we will be releasing a podcast towards the end of the year.

It's going to be about women in history – the ones most people will have probably never heard of before.

■ GO TO floandjoan.com for tour details.



ANITA TAKES ANNIE ROLE

FORMER EastEnders soap queen Anita Dobson is to star as booze-loving, child-hating orphanage boss Miss Hannigan in the 2019 UK tour of family musical Annie.

Anita's West End theatre credits include Wicked, Chicago, Thoroughly Modern Millie and Calendar Girls and she was nominated for an Olivier for her powerful performance in Frozen at the National Theatre. ■ Go to anniewestend.com for tour dates.



A TALE WITH BITE

A NEW UK tour of Bram Stoker's Dracula is set to terrify theatre audiences.

The Bodyguard's Glen Fox, left, plays the famous vampire with Philip Bretherton, right, as his nemesis, Van Helsing, and Olivier-award winner Cheryl Campbell as Lady Renfield.



The tour opens in Cheltenham on September 28 and runs until December 1. ■ See touringconsortium.co.uk for venues.

RUBY'S HUMAN TOUCH

RUBY Wax is joining forces with monk Gelong Thubten, right, and neuroscientist Ash Ranpura, left, for new tour How To Be Human.

It follows the success of her shows Sane New World and Frazzled and looks at how the human brain works and what you need to help you upgrade your mind as much as you've upgraded your iPhone.

■ Visit rubywax.net for ticket details.



“The first half will be new songs – weddings, sex robots and Leslie Ash, although probably not all in the same song...”

Nicola and Rosie discuss their upcoming tour

BOOKSHELF

BOXING legend Muhammad Ali remains a hero to millions – and few could hero-worship him more than his daughter, Hana.

"I always looked at my father as a hero, and it's nothing to do with the fact that he was famous," she explains. "As a young girl, I just thought that his choices in life were always right, because he's chosen by God."

"He survived the Sixties, the Seventies, never getting shot when all of our black leaders were being killed. He walked the streets freely, never had bodyguards. It was a miracle really, if you look at how America was at the time, and how outspoken he was."

The third youngest child of the three-time world heavyweight boxing champion (he fathered nine in total) has now written her third book about her father, *At Home With Muhammad Ali*. It features details drawn from the boxer's private audio diaries, love letters and journals, as well as Hana's own memories of growing up in the family home – a Los Angeles mansion where regular visitors included Michael Jackson, Clint Eastwood and Sylvester Stallone.

"I was too young to remember them all, except for Michael Jackson of course. I was a little girl listening to his music," she recalls.

"He was just very sweet, very calm, quiet. He moved with soft slow motions. He laughed a lot around my father and was always cracking jokes. I think he saw him as a father figure."

While Ali made his mark in the boxing ring and on the world stage, Hana and her sister Laila were tended to by governesses and nannies in the lap of luxury, but the little girl experienced huge anxieties at his absences.

The 460 pages of the book are awash with stories of his enduring love for his children, his efforts towards peace and his limitless spiritual goodness, never wallowing in self-pity when he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1984 and began a slow, debilitating decline until his death in 2016, aged 74.

Hana, now 42, is one of Ali's two daughters by his third marriage to model Veronica Porche, whom he met in 1974 while in Zaire when Porche was 18 and one of the four poster girls who had promoted the 'Rumble in the Jungle' fight against George Foreman. Hana was born in 1976 and her parents married the following year, but it only lasted eight years.

He may have been godly, brave and wise, but Ali was also a womaniser who admitted his sins but did not, seemingly, try to fight against them.

"I never blamed my father or judged him because he was so amazing in so many ways and he never took advantage of, or disrespected, women, in any way."

"He just loved pretty girls and he's a man, and I think a lot of men



THE DAUGHTER OF BOXING LEGEND MUHAMMAD ALI TALKS TO HANNAH STEPHENSON ABOUT GROWING UP WITH HER HERO FATHER AND LIFE SINCE HIS DEATH IN 2016

Hana Ali with her father Muhammad Ali

My father always said how **blessed** he was

struggle with that, especially when they're as famous as he was and have women throwing themselves at them all the time. He just didn't have control over that side of himself. What I respect about that is that when you see a person's faults, you can know them better when you see how they handle them, and my dad never treated people bad, he never ever denied his children, quite the opposite – he was ready to claim kids that weren't even his."

He went on to marry Lonnie Williams; his nine children came from four different relationships. They all remain close, Hana insists, and she quickly dismisses reports that there have been sibling wrangles over inheritance.

"He owned up to his responsibilities and his mistakes and he tried to do right by them. I always thanked him for that. Most men will mess up, hide it and keep affairs in secret, and the kids suffer for it."

"My siblings did not suffer because they were born out of wedlock, or because my father had

affairs with their mothers. He brought them around, he respected them. They were all invited to his funeral."

"His weakness was he loved women, and being married didn't keep him from pursuing that."

While she says her parents never argued, she has blotted out the pain she felt when she found out her mother was leaving her father.

"All of the pain that she received and dealt with through all of the cheating, throughout the years, she kept distancing herself, turning herself off emotionally, and away from him."

"So the love was still there, but it took on a new form and it wasn't an in-love feeling any more."

The divorce affected Hana deeply, especially since it was her psychologist who broke the news that her parents were splitting, when she was nine years old.

"I would go after school, and she asked me one day how I felt about my parents getting divorced."

"I literally went completely blank. I don't have any memory from that moment on to Daddy coming to visit me in the next house. It's all just wiped out,

anything in-between. It must have been that painful, because I do not remember any of it."

In the book, while she doesn't ignore the fact that he was unfaithful, she doesn't dwell on it either.

He still remained positive when he was diagnosed with Parkinson's.

"My father was always saying how blessed he was, even in the face of this. He never asked, 'Why me?' He always looked at it as 'OK' and that's just how he was. He was very spiritual and positive."

Today, Hana still lives in Los Angeles, around a mile from the old family home, driving past the mansion in Fremont Place every day on her way to work as an estate agent. She's married but doesn't have any children. How has she managed to move on?

"Since my father passed, it's strange because I just don't feel like he's gone. I don't know if it's because he's so loved or because his spirit is so strong, or because the love he gave was so strong."

"I just love him so much."

■ *At Home With Muhammad Ali* by Hana Ali is published by Bantam, £20.

LATEST TITLES

THE LABYRINTH OF THE SPIRITS

by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Weidenfield and Nicholson, £20, (ebook £10)

★★★★★

THE creation of the wondrous Cemetery of Forgotten Books in the first book of the series, *The Shadow Of The Wind*, led to worldwide sales of 15 million.

Now comes Carlos Ruiz Zafon's long-awaited finale. It's a suspense-filled story of loss, betrayal and redemption, which aims to resolve the many mysteries of the earlier books.

New anti-hero, the mysterious Alicia Gris, is as dangerous and daring a protagonist as you could wish for. As you move further into the maze of a Gothic Barcelona, the stories of characters old and new become more entangled, until it feels you may never find a way out.

PARIS ECHO

by Sebastian Faulks, Hutchinson, £20 (ebook £9.99)

★★★★★

THIS unhurried perusal of history, and how it defines and distorts our present, shows Paris through the eyes of American academic researcher, Hannah, and teenager Tariq, who's run away from his home in Morocco.

He ends up sleeping in Hannah's spare room while she uncovers testimonies from women who lived in Paris during the Nazi occupation, and as the mismatched flatmates explore their temporary Parisian home, they encounter the after-effects of collaboration.

A return to form for Faulks.

GHOST WALL

by Sarah Moss, Granta, £12.99

★★★★★

TEENAGER Sylvie and her parents camp in a reconstructed Northumberland round house as part of her dad's obsessive wish to gain insight into Iron Age life.

But as the project goes on, dark parallels emerge, between the sacrifice of a girl whose body was found preserved in a nearby peat-bog and the abuse that Sylvie receives at the hands of her father.

BOOKS CHART

1. **Fear: Trump In The Whitehouse** by Bob Woodward
2. **How To Be A Footballer** by Peter Crouch
3. **Joe's 30 Minute Meals: 100 Quick and Healthy Recipes** by Joe Wicks
4. **Normal People** by Sally Rooney
5. **To All The Boys That I've Loved Before** by Jenny Han
6. **Jamie Cooks Italy** by Jamie Oliver
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A BURBERRY GOOD DEBUT FROM TISCI

A week is a long time in politics, it is an eternity in fashion. This time last week we were still breaking down what New York Fashion Week had offered up and looking forward to what London had in store. And by the time you read this Milan Fashion Week will be two days in.

Already Albert Ferretti has shown in the Italian city, as have Max Mara and Byblos.

But we are moving too fast. Let's get back to London.

Before the event, much had been made of Victoria Beckham making her London Fashion Week debut as she celebrated 10 years of her eponymous brand.

Her show did not disappoint. The Beckham clan watched from the front row as a teary VB presented a collection featuring softly masculine tailoring and oversized pieces, which could not have been further from her early designs.

From front row to back-stage, muse/model Alexa Chung also made her London debut as a designer this week. 'Travel-friendly clothing' seemed to be the consensus on the 34-year-old's show. Not sure I'm up for flying to the Canaries in a £500 tracksuit, but perhaps I'm not her target market.

Elsewhere, Richard Quinn may not have had HM the Queen on his front row, like he did earlier this year, but he did have gorgeous frocks featuring his signature florals and one dress that looked like a duvet. Just the thing for those days when you can't get out of bed I guess.

Undoubtedly the big draw of LFW is the Burberry show. Traditionally boasting the starriest FROW, this year's guest list possibly suffered a little from the Emmys taking place across the Atlantic the same night.

But the storied fashion

house didn't need A-list glitz to make it the most talked about gig of the week.

Monday's presentation was the first under new Riccardo Tisci, who took over following the departure of creative director-turned-CEO Christopher Bailey who is credited with restoring the brand to powerhouse status after its early Noughties period in the 'chav' wilderness.

Speaking afterwards, Italian Tisci, a graduate of London's Central Saint Martins, explained his thinking behind the three sections of his show – 'refined, relaxed and evening' – telling Vogue that: "In the beginning, I thought I should do one thing. But I literally opened myself and said, I'll go with the flow."

The 'flow' brought everything from pussybow blouses, to pencil skirts, silky pleated midi skirts, delicate prints, floaty evening dresses and a lot of beige. The iconic Burberry check made an appearance but was given a softer more subtle spin.

It was possibly the most wearable collection I have seen from any designer in a very long time.

I'd put money on the soft trench, worn on the runway by Kendall Jenner, sparking a slew of high street copies before the daffodils come poking through again.

Other than the handful of looks made available in the London store and on social media in the 24 hours after his LFW show, Tisci's pieces will not be available until next year.

However, in December, Burberry and my own favourite, Vivienne Westwood, will unveil a limited edition collection reworking pieces from both of their archives.

I might as well apologise to my bank manager now...



Kendall Jenner on the Burberry catwalk

SOUND OUT

The Kooks frontman Luke Pritchard tells **ANDREW ARTHUR** about his duet with his late father, and why he thinks the music press has got it in for his band

DON'T ever go in there man, it's really messed up," warns Luke Pritchard, his voice adopting a foreboding tone. The singer-songwriter is talking about the Museum of Death in LA, next door to the studio where his band, The Kooks, recorded their new album.

"It used to be a recording studio owned by Ray Charles, where he did a lot of his records," the 33-year-old explains.

Luke has a bit of a time-traveller air about him. In 1980s-style high-waisted trousers and a button-down shirt, still sporting that mane of curly locks, he reclines on a sofa in the spaceship-like surroundings of his record company's London headquarters.

"The museum has a Charles Manson room, it's so weird, dude! Really disturbed me. You go in there and you've got pictures of decapitated people. Definitely not a nice respite after recording," he goes on.

The morbid surroundings certainly did not rub off on the indie band's uplifting fifth album, however. It marks a return to the band's brand of guitar-driven pop singalongs, after they experimented with computer-generated samples and loops on their previous effort, 2014's *Listen*.

While making the follow-up with hip-hop producer Inflo, Luke and his bandmates had an epiphany. They realised they needed to make "a real band record", carrying on the lineage of great British groups such as The Beatles and The Kinks.

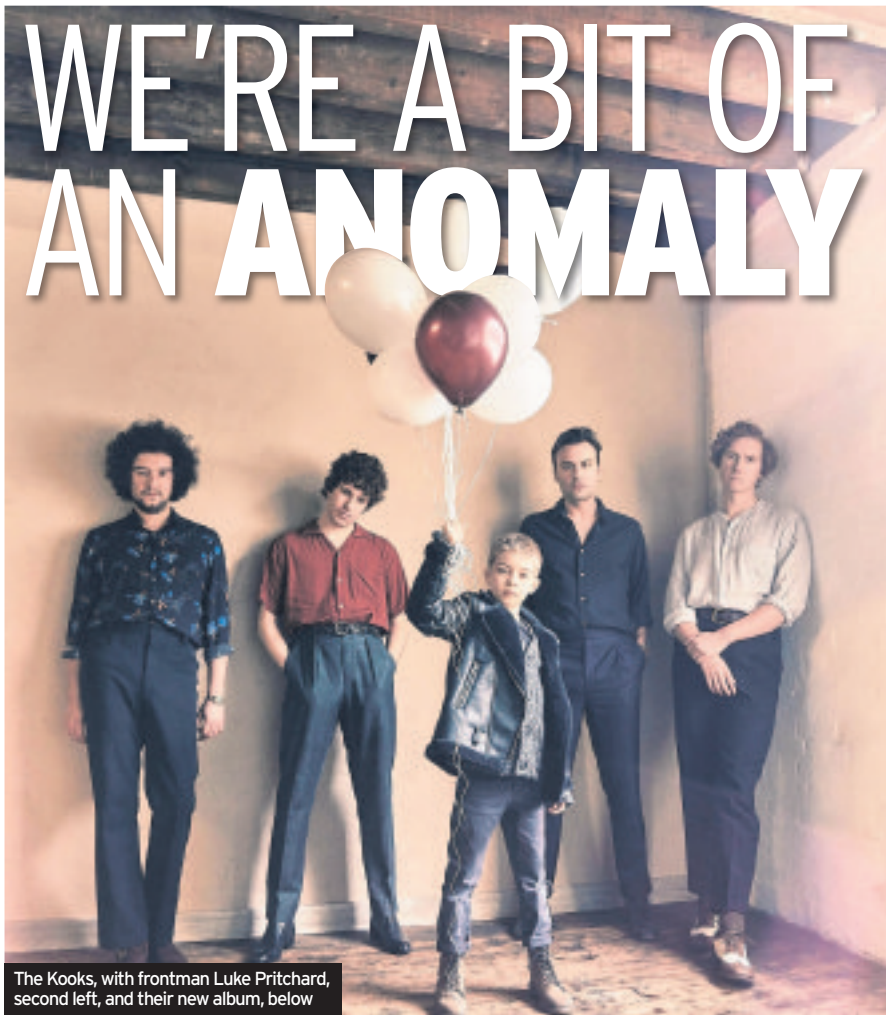
They shelved the material they had been working on and returned to recording together in one room.

The sessions yielded *Let's Go Sunshine*'s 15 tracks, among them Honey Bee. The song was written by Luke's musician father, who died of a heart attack when Luke was a child.

"A big reason why I do music is my dad. I have all his records and his guitar," he says.

"My sister sent me a song he recorded in the 1970s. My step-brother liked the song and asked me while I was in the studio if I could record an acoustic version for him. I just started playing the song and all the boys came in and thought I'd written it. I didn't want to push it, but everyone liked it. So it happened organically. We did it in half a day. Then I thought, 'We could get my dad's voice on'.

WE'RE A BIT OF AN ANOMALY



The Kooks, with frontman Luke Pritchard, second left, and their new album, below

Luckily, we had some expert technicians who got his vocal and lifted it. I sing the first verse and then he sings the second and we both do the chorus, so it's a duet with my dad.

"It's good for my family to put out a tune of his. It kind of keeps him alive, in a very non-creepy way!"

Luke followed in his father's footsteps when The Kooks recently opened for The Rolling Stones.

He remembers asking Sir Mick Jagger and drummer Charlie Watts if they could recall meeting his father back when his band, The Echoes, supported them in the Sixties.

"Charlie was really nice about it: 'Oh, I sort of remember the name'.

They play with so many bands. "He remembered the venue in Bristol because they played there a few times. That was nice," says Luke.

"Of course, it would be cool to know what my dad would think of our music. It's nice to have a family connection, that I'm continuing something of his."

It's fair to assume Luke's father would be proud of his son's band's success. Their debut album, *Inside In/Inside Out*, went platinum four times in the UK and yielded six top

40 singles, including *Naive* and *She Moves In Her Own Way*.

The Kooks were one of a raft of British guitar bands that became commercially successful in the mid-Noughties, along with the likes of Arctic Monkeys and Razorlight.

But after the overwhelming success of their debut, they experienced a rough ride with the critics.

Despite topping the album charts, their sophomore effort, *Konk*, received some negative reviews. With the band's music now being enjoyed online by a new generation of fans, does Luke feel vindicated that the critics failed to kill The Kooks off?

"You're not really allowed that in music. You're not owed something because you think that you're good."

"One thing that has been nice for us, is probably having a platform that is more democratised," he reasons. "People just go and listen to your music, you don't have to be told it's cool by a radio station."

"We're a bit of an anomaly. We're definitely not loved by the press. We've never been an awards band."

"I hope it flips people out. It's good to be an outsider."

When asked what he thinks caused the backlash, Luke jokes: "We're just so good-looking, man. There's all kinds of things. The fact we went to the BRIT School.

Bands weren't supposed to have gone to 'stage school'. It's fine for Adele, but not The Kooks."

"I think there was an element of our first album going really big and quickly. Everything was about Arctic Monkeys that year, and we sold more records than them. People were like, 'What the f*** happened there?'"

"Honestly, maybe I'm just not very likeable?! There were some jabs. It was crazy. I remember the second album, my mum was like, 'Why is this happening?' Haters gonna hate."

It's clear from his deeply personal songwriting that Luke is not afraid to share his feelings.

As our conversation ends, I ask if he worries whether he risks revealing too much about his private life in his songs.

"I'm too honest!" he admits. "I think I am good at the open stuff, that's what people like about my writing. It's about sharing a life experience, isn't it? As songwriters, it's our job. To say things people feel they can't themselves," says Luke.

"Naive was about being cheated on. People asked, 'Do you really want to talk about that?' I find being honest is potent for writing."

■ The Kooks' new album *Let's Go Sunshine* is out now.



CHRIS
CHRISTINE AND THE QUEENS

★★★★★

WHEN Heloise Letissier delivered Chris to her record label, she produced

not only a collection of vividly imagined and brilliantly captured songs of self-discovery but also a 15-page dossier that portrayed her physical emancipation - she has embraced her androgynous, non-binary self.

Chris is a fresh shell for Letissier and an unshackled confidence streams through the record, the basslines funkier, lyrics punchier, the full package strikingly sensuous.

Girlfriend, the glitterball-disco single, has Chris candidly pursuing flings above commitment, and is one of several songs here that recall peak-period Michael Jackson.

Doesn't Matter and Damn (What Must A Woman Do) are mighty works from a phenomenal artist.



BRIDGES
JOSH GROBAN

★★★★★

WITH Bridges you get exactly what you want from a Josh Groban album: Soaring melodies and a vocal tone that just oozes richness and comfort.

Groban's eighth studio album doesn't hold any real surprises. The emotions he evokes however are priceless, such as in the soaring vocals in the cover of *Snow Patrol's Run*, here reworked as a duet with Sarah McLachlan.

There's a collaboration with flamenco composer and virtuoso guitarist Vicente Amigo on *Musica del Corazon*, a foot-tapping love song and duets with renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli on *We Will Meet Once Again* and with Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles on *99 Years*.

So light the fire, grab a blanket and settle down with Bridges.



LIVE FROM ATLANTIC CITY
LYNYRD SKYNYRD

★★★★★

LIKE all good live albums should do, this recording of a 2006 set in New Jersey by the iconic southern rock band transports you to the jubilant atmosphere of the real show.

During the show the band are joined by guests Hank Williams Jr, rock band 3 Doors Down and former American Idol contestant Bo Bice.

The wailing guitars and honky tonk keys are red hot throughout but the undoubted highlight comes with the finale of *Sweet Home Alabama* followed by the epic *Freebird*.



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Pathfinder

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Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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Two Speed Crossword

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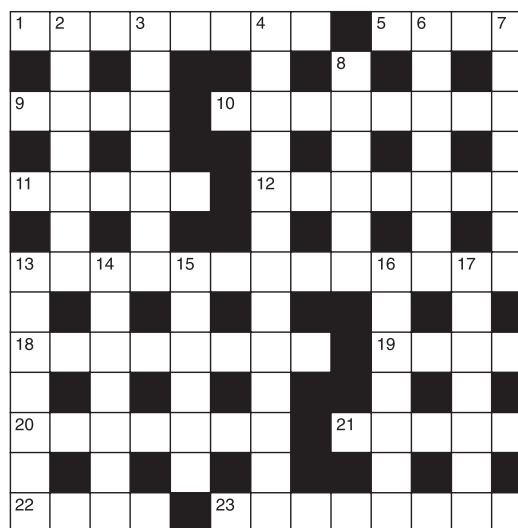
Cryptic

Across

- As I get involved with cacti, this can be very painful (8)
- Class paper to be filled in (4)
- 21Ac. Electrical equipment used on location? (9)
- Advances what money has been raised (8)
- 12Ac. Share in commerce what the shopkeeper has for sale (5,2,5)
- See 11 Across.
- Literally how mathematics can be worked out (13)
- Means to declare how old people are (8)
- A glass container is not properly closed (4)
- Abbey church where I will leave the cleric (7)
- See 9 Across.
- Beetles will make places to get in, we hear (4)
- When they are subjected to pressure, they produce disturbing reports (8)

Down

- Splendid monetary principal (7)
- Change a thing to make it clear (7)
- A mistake by Richelieu, for instance? (8,5)
- If you find cover allowed, this will be included (7)
- Army set to show domination (7)
- Vinegary expert with neuralgia (6)
- Disturbed - nearly everybody prepared for war (7)
- If he's making a collection, it must be the last straw! (7)
- More than one heavy gust causes a blight (6)
- Sounds as though a harassment is dying down (7)
- Hide high explosive in later confusion (7)



Scribble pad

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

14	12	22	6	12	9		5	20	12	22	6	15
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

10 words - average; 15 words - good; 20 words - very good; 25 or more - excellent.

B	E	O
I	R	E
H	V	R

Quiz

- What is the title of the latest album from American singer Ariana Grande?
- What name is given to the scientific study of language?
- Which Indian-born British poet and author wrote The Jungle Books and Kim?
- What is fermented to make the Japanese drink sake?
- By what name was Russian tsar Peter I known?



Q1 - Ariana Grande

- Which breed of tailless short-haired cat was originally bred on the Isle of Man?
- What is the brightest star in the constellation Ursa Minor?
- Which Dutch artist painted The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Nicolaes Tulp and The Night Watch?
- Who succeeded Michael Foot as leader of the Labour Party in 1983?
- With which meat is mint sauce traditionally served?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Mockingbird, Lose Yourself, The Real Slim Shady, Recovery, Business, Like Toy Soldiers, Without Me, Love the Way You Lie, Stan, My Name Is, When I'm Gone, The Eminem Show, Guilty Conscience, Encore, Just Lose It, Cleanin' Out My Closet, Relapse, Rap God, Sing for the Moment, Berzerk, The Way I Am.

Quiz

- Bodyguard; 2 Hameln, or Hamelin;
- Monsoon; 4 Camille Saint-Saëns;
- The Gospel according to Matthew;
- 11th November; 7 Charles Kingsley;
- Peru; 9 Emma, Lady Hamilton;
- Matterhorn.

Sudoku

6	2	7	8	4	5	1	9	3
8	4	1	3	9	6	2	5	7
9	3	5	7	2	1	6	8	4
1	8	6	4	3	9	7	2	5
5	7	3	6	8	2	4	1	9
4	9	2	1	5	7	8	3	6
7	6	9	5	1	8	3	4	2
3	5	8	2	7	4	9	6	1
2	1	4	9	6	3	5	7	8

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7	2	4	6	1	3	8	9	5
8	5	1	2	9	4	3	6	7
3	6	9	8	5	7	1	4	2

Codeword

C	S	K	H	N	P	T	U	B	J	A	X	R
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
E	F	L	Z	Y	O	M	W	G	I	Q	D	V

Quick

Across

- Form of neuralgia (8)
- Shape (4)
- Pimple (4)
- Carries on (8)
- 11 & 12Ac. Current goods (5,2,5)
- See 11 Across.
- By using a form of mathematics (13)
- Means (8)
- Slightly open (4)
- Large church (7)
- Ignite (5)
- Dung beetles (4)
- Sets off (8)

Down

- Seat of government (7)
- Object (7)
- Fundamental mistake (8,5)
- In general (7)
- Expertise (7)
- Type of acid (6)
- Anxious (7)
- Gatherer (7)
- Explosions (6)
- Lessening (7)
- Hide (7)

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MAKE A SPLASH

Our interiors expert on how to add colour to your bathroom

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IDEAL FOR A FAMILY



This four-bedroom townhouse in Stanstead Abbots has accommodation across three floors and is close to major road and rail connections for commuters **PAGES 2&3**

HOT HOUSE

A four-bedroom family home in Stanstead Abbots which is ideally placed for road and transport links



LARGE TOWNHOUSE IN A VILLAGE LOCATION



A wonderful townhouse has come on the market in the beautiful village of Stanstead Abbots. The four-bedroom house on Sanville Gardens is perfect for a growing family and for people looking to commute into London.

The house, which is spread over three floors, includes a bathroom on each floor and has a lovely back garden.

On entering the house, there is a dining room directly to your right, while the kitchen and breakfast room is directly ahead of you.

The kitchen has a range of base and wall units, including an integrated washing machine, dishwasher, gas hob, oven and grill, as well as a one and half sink. There is also space for a fridge freezer.

The kitchen has a pair of double glazed French doors which leads to the courtyard garden.

The courtyard is paved and has room for a table and other garden equipment that could make it a nice spot for a drink or barbeque during warm weather.

On the first floor is a lounge looking out over the front of the house, while the master

bedroom is also located next to it.

The master bedroom comes with a built-in double wardrobe as well as an ensuite bathroom with a shower and toilet.

The top floor has the remaining three bedrooms, of which two have inbuilt cupboards. The last bedroom, which is smaller than the others, could also double up as a home office depending on the needs of the new owners.

The second floor bathroom includes a bath shower serving the top three bedrooms.

The house has allocated car parking, as well as nearby unreserved street parking and easy access to commuter routes.

It is only a short walk to St Margarets railway station, which offers direct services into London Liverpool Street and is one change to get to Cambridge and Stansted Airport.

Alternatively it is close to the A10 and A414, both of which offer easy access to the M25 and M11 for those who are looking to commute elsewhere to work.

The property is on the market with Ensum Brown for offers more than £500,000. To find out more, or to book a viewing, call on 01920 750005 or visit their website www.ensumbrown.com



YOUR HOME

How to keep that summer glow at home

Entering autumn doesn't have to mean going into full-on cold weather mode. **GABRIELLE FAGAN** shows how to bridge the seasonal gap in style

It's 'transition time' in decor as well as in wardrobes – that period where summer's still lingering and autumn's just starting to show its colours.

But just as we're not quite ready to ditch all our light cotton clothes and embrace woolly coats, similarly we don't want to rush our rooms into a full-on winter look until we have to.

If you don't want to let go of that sunny colour palette however, you could celebrate an 'Indian Summer' indoors, with embroidered, bohemian textiles and exotic accessories.

On the other hand, if you want to gently move into a warmer, ward-off-the-chills look, simply switch up your accessories and treat yourself to tactile, cuddle-up textures in throws and cushions.

KEEP THE SUMMER VIBE ALIVE

"The latest trend for global fusion, where the colours, shapes and textures from different cultures unite and clash, is a look that works well through all the seasons, with its rich, sunny colour palette," says Philip Watkin, design director for furniture company, DFS.

"For the Salsa range, we visited The Design Library in London, where an array of beautiful Indian wedding blankets immediately caught our eye. We took the traditional patterns from these blankets and reworked them with punchy, vibrant colours, to keep the look feeling authentic yet modern and lend the range an Indian and Moroccan inspired twist."



Hand-woven iron and chindi chair £299, Ian Snow, iansnow.com



Salsa maxi sofa £849, Salsa oval footstool £199, DFS



Baskets in natural raffia with white £165, Out There Interiors, outthereinteriors.com



Left, salsa accent chair £349, DFS



Embroidered velvet palm tree cushion £46, Audenza, audenza.com



Jute & Chindi grey leather diamond weave rug £22, Ian Snow, as before



CUSHION THE BLOW

If you're lamenting the passing of summer, indulging yourself in new accessories in a different colour palette could lift your spirits as well as your decor.

Cushions can transform not just a sofa but the whole feel of a room, and are an affordable way to refresh a space.

Combine soft neutral shades – enlivened by a burst of vivid colour for a throw – for a subtle and warming effect.

From top, sequin faux fur champagne cushion £10; fluffy faux fur cushion, ochre, £8; large cream jumbo cord cushion, £10; fluffy faux fur charcoal cushion £8; teddy bear cream throw £10-£20, Dunelm



Cascade home pom pom throw, mink, £24.99, Very



Taha-A white and gold cushion, currently reduced from £85 to £67.99, Penelope Hope, penelopehope.com



Fifth Avenue leopard cushion (45x45cm) £30, Dunelm



Sainsbury's home rural retreat quilted throw (150x200cm), £35, available in stores

PLAY AND DISPLAY

You can still bask in the glow of those happy summer moments – if your memory is jogged by a display of souvenirs collected on your travels and jaunts.

Make a statement by showing them off on a display unit, or simply group a small collection on a side table or shelf. Ideally, change objects regularly to keep the display interesting.

Following a colour or texture theme will ensure the effect is easy on the eye.

Harper tall shelves £550, Next



Wild & Wolf gentlemen's hardware world's city night lights illuminated globe lamp £89.95, Hurn & Hurn, hurnandhurn.com



Sainsbury's home floral wooden frame (4x6") £10, available in stores



Mezcal small green cactus vase £20, Artisan, artisanti.com



Discoveries agadir region ammonite fossil shell ornament £20, Hurn & Hurn



Succulent medley in grey wooden trough £36, Gisela Graham, giselagraham.co.uk

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NEW PRICE

All About The Location **OIEO £390,000**
Deer Park **EPC C**
Located on the popular 'Parks' Development is this three bedroom semi detached home with off road parking. The property benefits from open plan living and a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom. Ref 14491
Viewing Advised



Guide Price **£250,000 - £260,000**
A Great First Home **EPC E**
Nicholls Field
Located in the Brays Grove area of Harlow is this well presented two bedroom end of terrace home benefiting from a spacious lounge. Ref 14405
Pick Up The Phone



Guide Price **£280,000 - £290,000**
Town Centre Location **EPC D**
Northbrooks
Located within walking distance to the Harlow Town Centre is this three bedroom end of terrace being sold chain free. Call now to view. Ref 14408
Call To View Today



NEW PRICE

Guide Price **£280,000 - £300,000**
Well Presented **EPC E**
Great Brays
Offered chain free is this three bedroom end of terrace home benefiting from open plan living and recently been redecorated by the current owners. Ref 14558
View View View



Modern & Contemporary **£294,995**
Bushey Croft **EPC D**
This extended three bedroom terrace home is one to have top of your viewing list. The property has been extended to the rear aspect providing a second reception room. Ref 14675
View Today



NEW PRICE

Guide Price **£250,000 - £270,000**
Popular Location **EPC D**
Barn Mead
Offered chain free is this three bedroom middle terrace family home that was converted from a two bedroom, internal viewing is advised. Ref 14215
One To View



NEW PRICE

Guide Price **£180,000 - £190,000**
Get On The Property Ladder **EPC C**
Taylifers
Located on the outskirts of Harlow is this good sized two bedroom first floor flat which benefits from a spacious lounge and fitted kitchen. Ref 14655
Book Your Free Valuation In Today



Guide Price **£265,000 - £275,000**
Nothing Not To Love **EPC E**
Rye Croft
This well presented two bedroom end of terrace home is one to view, with the potential to get off road parking (STPP) this would make a great starter home. Ref 14129
Dial Dial Dial



NEW INSTRUCTION

Ideal For Investment
Canons Brook
£235,000
EPC E
Offered chain free and located within walking distance to the Town Centre is this three bedroom terraced home. The property would make a great first time purchase or someone looking to add to their investment portfolio. Viewing advised. Ref 14716
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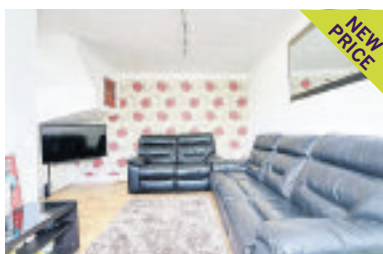


NEW INSTRUCTION

Spacious Living Accommodation
The Maples
£325,000
EPC D
Within walking distance to local primary and secondary schools and situated within one of Harlow's most popular turnings, is this three bedroom end of terrace family home with garage and driveway. The accommodation comprises of a spacious entrance porch, ground floor WC, kitchen diner, two reception rooms and modern fitted bathroom. Internal viewing is highly advised. Ref 14528
Call, Register, View



25% Shared Ownership **£45,000**
Joseph Rank House **EPC B**
Struggling to buy your first home? Then this 25% shared ownership property is for you. Located on the 7th floor in the heart of the town centre with views over looking Harlow, this one bedroom flat will make an ideal first time purchase. Ref 14494
Viewing Highly Advised



NEW PRICE

Guide Price **OIEO £250,000**
Ideal If You Need To Downsize **EPC C**
Tickenhall Drive
haart are pleased to offer for sale this well presented one bedroom cluster house in Church Langley. The property benefits from a single garage with drive. Ref 14572
Call 01279 443311 Today



Guide Price **£280,000 - £300,000**
Offered Chain Free **EPC C**
Glan Avon Mews
Located in a mews style development just off of Potter Street is this three bedroom middle terrace home in need of some modernisation. Ref 13281
Call Call Call



Guide Price **£350,000 - £375,000**
Extended Family Home **EPC D**
Deer Park
Located in one of Harlow's most sought after turnings is this extended three bedroom semi-detached family home with a garage and off road parking Ref 14657.
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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Fashion a house of plants

Cheese plants, ferns, even cacti have made a comeback with the trendiest city dwellers

Back in 1982 I started working in a city centre plant shop. I was enchanted by the weekly arrivals of houseplants, then as now, primarily grown in Holland.

A huge truck would pull up outside and I'd unload trolleys of ferns, rubber plants, Swiss cheese plants, yuccas and orchids – all the species that are seeing a resurgence in this new millennium.

A local woman grew cacti and succulents for the store. Trays of lithops (living stones) were unloaded from



Terrarium house succulents



Ferns - back in fashion

her car. And each Friday payday I'd purchase massive ferns and exotic-looking banana plants and wrestle them home on the bus back to my flat.

That soon ended up looking like a botanic garden... I drilled holes into the ceiling and tied ropes over the rafters. Over the bed I suspended bowls of plantations, and then I started on bottle gardens and terrariums.

Demijohns – bulbous narrow-necked bottles capable of brewing three gallons of home brew – were purchased and converted into mini greenhouses. Compost and bits of charcoal were funnelled into the space, tiny plants were squeezed

through the opening and spoons and forks were commandeered from the kitchen, taped to lengths of bamboo and used to plant up the landscape.

Watering was by means of a mister, always calculating just the right amount to create a moist environment, but one which wasn't so wet that roots would be drowned or fungal disease could thrive.

I'd sell these in the shop and at markets, once attracting the attention of Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics. He sensibly passed on a purchase figuring it would be difficult to haul it around the band's European concert dates!

And now it's all back! A few years

ago I visited a shop called Green Fingers in Nolita, New York, run by Japanese plant artist and creative director Satoshi Kawamoto. It was full of the young and the beautiful cooing over pot plants! I couldn't believe it. They'd been out of fashion since the 1980s but now they were obviously back.

And it wasn't just in trendy parts of America, in Amsterdam a shop called Wildernis (wilderness) was the greenest and coolest place to be. In the city's Old West area, it sells garden tools, special seeds and compost along with botanical prints, fashionable plant hangers and stunning house plants.

And in London, Gynelle Lyon – a former forensic scientist – has opened the city's first cacti and succulent shop called Prick, and wrote a wonderful book of the same name. You can find it on East London's Kingsland Road and like Wildernis, feels somewhat like a gallery. Visiting is an experience that cannot be replicated by shopping online.

But social media is playing a part. Prick has more than 10,000 followers on Instagram, Wildernis has 72,000, and some other house-plant sellers and devotees have even more than that. The question is, why now? Maybe the recent vogue started with fashion and interiors, with palm and



Diarmuid celebrates the big return of the house plant

Jobs for the week

■ Clean up patios and paths before the onset of winter to prevent them getting slippery, and clean and put away garden furniture.

■ Get your bird table cleaned and stock up on some bird food for the autumn.

■ Evergreen hedges can have their final trim before winter.

■ Lift maincrop potatoes and store in a dark, frost-free area.

■ It's a good time to divide plants in

ponds to increase stock if desired or cut back overgrowth – you are aiming for around 50% plant coverage of the pond.

■ Install water butts to collect winter rainwater.

■ Get your compost bins or bags ready for collecting leaf fall which makes superb compost.

■ While the soil is still warm, you have the perfect conditions for applying some vine weevil controlling nematodes into the soil.

Stock up on bird food



Hedges can have their final trim before winter





A Swiss cheese plant



Cacti and succulents are presented like in a gallery in Prick



The 1970s make a comeback in Wildernis

banana prints featuring on clothes, curtains and sofas.

But I think it's probably more about a desire to nurture, to create a nest, to be responsible for something. The world seems to be becoming a more challenging and unkind space, so much information is held about us, sold and stolen. So many

certainties are slipping away.

Property is expensive, even renting can be prohibitive, and garden space in cities and urban areas is hard to come by.

Meanwhile plants are relatively cheap. They look great, they suit our health and fitness-aware sensibilities and they don't tweet nasty things.

ASK DIARMUID

Q We have recently bought an arbour. I am looking for a plant to put at the side to use as a wind break and to provide some privacy. I'm looking for something fairly mature. Thanks in anticipation.

Alice Hogg

A How about a lovely evergreen honeysuckle such as *Lonicera japonica* 'Halliana'? It will climb vigorously and quickly cover your arbour, providing a privacy screen of dark

green leaves. The real attraction however will be when it is covered from spring through to summer with deliciously fragrant white and yellow flowers - a real treat to sit beneath on a summer's evening.

Or if you are looking for instant cover now, how about a bamboo that will gently rustle in the breeze?

Choose a clump-forming variety, though, so you don't have to worry about it running all over the garden and into the neighbour's land!



PLANT OF THE WEEK

VITEX AGNUS-CASTUS 'CHASTE TREE'

It's taken a long hot summer to coax this lovely Mediterranean shrub to flower at last.

In ancient times it was considered an anaphrodisiac - the opposite of an aphrodisiac - hence its common name of the Chaste tree.

It's not a widely planted

shrub but for me its value lies in the lovely display of fragrant flowers which should last well into autumn (and its foliage is aromatic too).

Plant in full sun in well-drained soil and protect from cold drying winds.

I'll prune back those flowering stems next spring.



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- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
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- Recently Decorated Throughout
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- Allotment Parking
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden With Rear Access
- Downstairs WC
- EPC Rating: C

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Coalport Close

- Three Bedroom House
- End Of Terrace
- CHAIN FREE
- Conservatory
- En-suite to Master
- EPC Rating: D

£339,950



Bentley Drive

- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Secluded Rear Garden With Side Access
- UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- E.P.C. Rating: C

£359,995



St John's Avenue

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- CHAIN FREE
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Additional Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Garage
- EPC Rating: E

£450,000



Challinor

- Four Bedroom House
- Detached
- Large Driveway
- Garage
- One Owner Since Being Built
- Natural Daylight Throughout

£457,995



Wedgewood Drive

- Four/Five Bedroom House
- Converted Garage/Fifth Bedroom/Reception Room
- Downstairs WC and En-Suite From Master Bedroom
- Large Driveway
- Conservatory
- Close To All Local Amenities

£465,000



Tickenhall Drive

- Four Bedroom House
- Two Parking Spaces
- Loft Conversion
- Extended To The Rear
- Downstairs WC
- Boiler Installed In Last Two Years

£350,000



Malkin Drive

- Five Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Lots Of Potential To Extend
- Fantastic Garden
- Summer House
- Garage

£550,000



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Canons Brook

£240,000

- A Two Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Approx. 120ft Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access
- Situated within a Residential Cul - De Sac
- Potential To Extend To The Rear (STTP)
- EPC Rating: D



Brockles Mead

£259,995

- A Four Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Three DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Garage En-Block
- Downstairs W/C
- In Need Of Some Modernisation
- EPC Rating: E



Collins Meadow

£280,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Larger Than Average Lounge/Diner
- Located 0.5 Miles Away From Harlow Town Shopping Centre
- CHAIN FREE
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- A Three Bedroom Terrace House
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Potential To Create A Driveway STTP
- CHAIN FREE
- uPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



Bushey Croft

£294,995

- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Downstairs W/C
- Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- uPVC Double Glazed Windows
- Situated In A Cul - De Sac
- EPC Rating: D



Woodcroft

£320,000

- A Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Landscaped Rear Garden With Side Access
- Located In A Quiet Residential Cul - De Sac
- Ideal For First Time Buyer & Home Movers
- Close Proximity To Local Schools & Shops



Watersmeet

£415,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached
- Private Driveway
- Solid Oak Kitchen
- Secluded Rear Garden
- Awaiting EPC Rating



Tanys Dell

£214,995

- A Two DOUBLE Bedrooms Flat
- Located On The Top Floor
- Large Lounge/ Diner
- Balcony Overlooking The Rear Aspect
- Recently Re-Wired & New Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: D



Arkwrights

£414,995

- Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Fourth Downstairs Bedroom With En Suite
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Four Car Driveway
- Awaiting EPC Rating



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Parsonage Leys



Available Now

Guardian is delighted to offer this spacious two double bedrooms first floor flat in Sherwood house. The block has recently had a complete refurbishment and looks very neat and tidy. EPC - C. Available NOW!

£825 PCM

Sherwood House



Great starter home - One bedroom end of terrace with parking available end September. Property comprising entrance hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen, stairs to first floor, storage cupboard, double bedroom and bathroom. Benefits from gas central heating, neutral decor and parking. EPC - C. Available late September.

£825 PCM

Coalport Close



Guardian are pleased to present this well maintained one bedroom end of terrace house in Church Langley. The property comprises entrance hallway, storage cupboard, open plan fitted kitchen, lounge with patio doors overlooking private rear garden, stairs to first floor, double bedroom, newly installed bathroom and storage. EPC - D. Move in October.

£850 PCM

Wedgewood Drive



Immaculate one double bedroom top floor flat in modern block opposite railway station. The property is in a tucked away position overlooking a wooded area. Comprising entrance hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, good sized bedroom and bathroom. EPC - B. Available mid October.

£900 PCM

Newstead Way



Available Now

Guardian are delighted to offer for rent this recently renovated two bedroom first floor flat in the Summers area of Harlow. Comprising entrance hallway, storage cupboard, newly fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedroom and modern bathroom this property is not to be missed. Other benefits include newly fitted carpets and gas heating. Awaiting EPC - Available NOW

£900 PCM

Little Cattins



Guardian are delighted to offer this large two bedroom maisonette with private garden in the Katherines area of Harlow. The property is offered part furnished and is located in close proximity to shops and amenities. EPC - B. Available mid November

£900 PCM

Mercers



Old Harlow

Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom ground floor flat in the sought after area of The Hill, Old Harlow. This property benefits from having its own rear garden, good sized bedrooms and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available late October.

£900 PCM

The Hill



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom terraced home in the popular location of Hadley Grange, Church Langley. This property benefits from one allocated parking space, garage, gas heating, rear garden and is catchment to Church Langley Primary School. EPC - C. Available early October.

£1000 PCM

Hadley Grange



Good Condition

Guardian are delighted to offer this immaculate three bedroom property in the outskirts of Harlow in Taylifers. This property benefits from a modern kitchen and bathroom, large living space throughout, gas heating and a rear garden. EPC - D. Available late September.

£1150 PCM

Taylifers



Available Now

Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented, three bedroom terraced home in Hollyfield, Harlow. This property benefits from a downstairs w/c, gas central heating, neutral decor throughout and a large rear garden. EPC - D. Available NOW!

£1170 PCM

Hollyfield



Guardian are delighted to offer this superb three bedroom home in Seymours, Katherines. This property benefits from a downstairs w/c, gas heating, modern kitchen and bathroom and a rear garden. EPC - D. Available mid November.

£1195 PCM

Seymours



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom end of terrace home in the sought after area of Church Langley. This property benefits from gas heating, two allocated parking spaces, a low maintenance garden and a conservatory. Close to local shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available mid October.

£1225 PCM

Coalport Close



6 Month Let

Guardian are delighted this fully furnished, immaculate, four bedroom detached house in Church Langley. Fixed six month term between late October 2018 and April 2019. Furnishings to include kitchen appliances, dining furniture, sofas, beds and wardrobes. All bills are charged at a fixed rate of £500 PCM. EPC - D - Available late October

£1495 PCM

Ashworth Place



Newly Refurbished

Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house in the desirable area of Theydon Bois, a short walk to central line tube station. An ideal family home. Property comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Benefits include garage, rear garden and gas central heating. EPC - D. Available NOW!

£1575 PCM

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Guardian are delighted to offer this five bedroom family home in the ever popular private area of Church Langley. The current owners lovingly updated the property and added the loft conversion giving two good sized bedrooms and WC. Modern throughout this property is ready to move into.

£439,995

Malkin Drive, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious 3/4 bedroom town house, that is offered chain free and benefits from stunning scenic views over Harlow Town Park. This modern property comprises large open plan kitchen/Family room, downstairs WC. EPC: B

£425,000

Tanyard Place, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this Chain free, well-proportioned 3 double bedroom Mews House with Car-port. The property is situated in the sought after village of Roydon which benefits from a main-line station providing direct rail services to Stansted. EPC: C

£424,995

Roydon Mews, High Street, Roydon



Guardian are delighted to offer a three bedroom plus a loft conversion which can be used as another bedroom semi-detached house in the highly sought after private area of Deer Park! Large modern fitted kitchen with conservatory and under floor heating. EPC: D

£390,000

Deer Park, Harlow



Detached with three double bedrooms Guardian are delighted to offer this great family home! In the popular private development of Church Langley, Coalport close is walking distance to good local schools and amenities. EPC: C

£385,000

Coalport Close, Church Langley



Guardian are delighted to offer this LARGE four bedroom semi-detached with drive for two/ three cars, garage and conservatory. Three reception rooms, utility room, large kitchen and three LARGE double bedrooms and a good sized single. EPC: D

£375,000

Great Plumtree, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present this UNIQUE three bedroom detached house with a garage and paved drive for two cars. Spread over four floors, this property has a great layout and large living space. Suited to DIY enthusiasts, can turn this into a wonderful family home!

£325,000

Willowfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer for sale this extended four bedroom mid terrace property. Close to the town centre, hospital and walking distance to local schools. The property has the fourth bedroom down stairs with a wet room attached. EPC: C

£299,999

Foldcroft, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a two bedroom house in the rarely available private area of Glan Avon Mews. Quiet cul-de-sac location, close to M11 and local amenities. Private parking and low maintenance garden. EPC: C

£269,995

Glan Avons Mews, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer for sale this end of terrace family home with easy access into North London! A three bedroom end of terrace. EPC: D

£265,000

Taylifers, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this newly decorated 2 bedroom mid terrace house located close to shops and amenities. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing whilst the accommodation comprises 2 double bedrooms modern bathroom and newly fitted kitchen.

£260,000

Arkwrights, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer for sale this three bedroom terraced family house in this popular area of Harlow. The property has three really good sized bedrooms, separate lounge, a dining room and a good sized garden. The property has the potential to be turned into a four bedroom by split the largest bedroom.

£259,999

Moorfield, Harlow



A usable loft space, two double bedrooms and a large garden. When are you able to view? A great starter home for any first time buyer to jump on the property ladder or if you are looking to downsize. In close proximity to local amenities as well as great primary schools. EPC: E

£244,995

Primrose Field, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this immaculate two bedroom flat in the sought after private area of Bromley Close! Includes private parking, en suite, large bedrooms and living area! Second floor, UPVC double glazed through out and electric heating. EPC: C

£225,000

Bromley Close, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer a rarely available 2 bedroom maisonette in Church Langley with parking and walking. NO service and maintenance charge. NO ground rent. Own front door! New kitchen fitted recently, large lounge and two good sized bedrooms. EPC: C

£215,000

Chamberlain Close, Church Langley



Guardian are delighted to offer an immaculate one bedroom flat in the sought after private area of Markwell Wood. Top floor, includes loft space. Recently refurbished through out. Includes parking space and close links to Epping and M11. EPC: D

£165,000

Markwell Wood, Harlow

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SOUTHERN LODGE, HARLOW £219,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Residents Parking
- Warden Assisted
- Chain Free
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: D



DOVEHOUSE CROFT, HARLOW £300,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Desirable Location
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Stunning Extension
- Overlooks Green
- EPC Rating: TBC



Monksbury, Harlow £350,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



Swallows, Old Harlow £314,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Terraced House
- Close To Amenities
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



Crossbill Way, Newhall £274,995

- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Living
- Own Balcony
- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: B



CHAIN FREE

THE GARDINERS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- CHAIN FREE
- Two Parking Spaces
- Well Presented
- Middle Terrace
- Southerly Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£280,000



BARN MEAD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£279,995



NEW

WOODWARDS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Well Presented
- Private Cul-De-Sac
- Middle Terrace House
- Desirable Area
- Low Maintenance Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£275,000



CHAIN FREE

MILWARDS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Ideal Investment
- Potential To Improve
- EPC Rating: C

£239,995



CHAIN FREE

PETERSWOOD, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Immaculate
- CHAIN FREE
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: D

£155,000



PRIORY COURT, HARLOW


- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- Top Floor
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995

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NEW

DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY £429,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Dressing Room
- Garage & Drive
- Link detached
- Ensuite To Master
- Cul-De-Sac Spot
- EPC Rating: C

NEW




CARTERS MEAD, HARLOW £310,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Study
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Utility/WC
- Driveway
- EPC Rating: TBC

NEW



Ridgways, Church Langley £474,999

- Five Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Driveway
- Three Receptions
- Detached Family Home
- West Facing Garden
- Ensuite To Master
- EPC Rating: TBC



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CHAIN FREE



Glebelands, Harlow £499,995

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Chain Free
- Premier Location
- Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- EPC Rating: TBC

CHAIN FREE



WESTFIELD, HARLOW £280,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace House
- Utility Room
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

CHAIN FREE



WOODING GROVE, HARLOW £289,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- CHAIN FREE
- Current HMO
- Semi Detached
- 40ft Garden
- Close To Town
- EPC Rating: TBC



MANOR ROAD, OLD HARLOW £359,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Long Gardens
- CHAIN FREE
- Semi Detached
- Conservatory
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: E


CHAIN FREE



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY £399,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite Shower
- CHAIN FREE
- Semi Detached
- Town House
- Garage & Parking
- EPC Rating: C

CHAIN FREE



TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY £434,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: D

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NEW



ABBOTSWELD, HARLOW £267,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Close To Shops
- Driveway
- Terraced Home
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



NEW



ALTHAM GROVE, HARLOW £340,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached
- Close To Burnt Mill
- Landscaped Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC



CHAIN FREE

Lodge Hall, Harlow £299,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Kitchen/Diner
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Ground Floor WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



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Mulberry Green, Old Harlow £364,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Open Plan Living
- Parking Area
- End Of Terrace
- Pretty Cottage
- Private Location
- EPC Rating: B



CHAIN FREE

DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Detached House
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£367,500



PADDOCK MEAD, HARLOW

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac
- Well Presented
- Link Detached Home
- Ground Floor WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£400,000



THE CHASE, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Stunning Home
- Garage & Parking
- End Terrace
- Two Bathrooms
- Kitchen/Bkft Room
- EPC Rating: C

£450,000



CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
- Utility & W.C
- Riptide Swim Spa
- EPC Rating: TBC

£549,995



STUNNING HOME

WESTBURY RISE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Conservatory
- Detached House
- Double Detached Garage
- Immaculate Home
- EPC Rating: D

£585,000

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TO LET **NEW**




THE MALLORIES, HARLOW £725 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- AVAILABLE NOW
- Third Floor Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET




DOVEHOUSE CROFT, HARLOW £1,150 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Long Garden
- End Of Terrace
- Available 1st October
- Close To Shops
- EPC Rating: E


TO LET



Malkin Drive, Church Langley £1,500 P.C.M

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite Shower
- Available End Sept
- Semi Detached
- Unfurnished
- Garage & Parking
- EPC Rating: C

TO LET **NEW**



The Maples, Harlow £1,250 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Receptions
- Available Now
- Terraced House
- Recent Refurbished
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



Turvin Crescent, Harlow £1,200 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Property
- Integrated Appliances
- Own Balcony
- Top Floor Apartment
- Garage & Parking
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

LET AGREED **MORE NEEDED**



CARL HOUSE, HARLOW £700 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- First Floor Flat
- White Goods Available
- Available Now
- Unfurnished
- Communal Gardens
- Close To Local Shop
- EPC Rating: C

TO LET



SHERWOOD HOUSE, BUSH FAIR £825 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Available October 2018
- Modern Kitchen
- Close To Shops
- Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: D

LET AGREED **MORE NEEDED**



KINGSLAND, HARLOW £950 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Available October 2018
- Southerly Rear Garden
- Middle Terrace
- Immaculate Home
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: E

TO LET



NORTHBROOKS, HARLOW £1,000 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Southerly Garden
- Terraced Home
- Close To Town
- Available Now
- EPC Rating: D

LET AGREED **MORE NEEDED**



TAYLIFERS, HARLOW £1,150 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Part Furnished
- Terraced Home
- Modern Kitchen
- Available End Oct
- EPC Rating: TBC

TO LET



CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY £1,300 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Garage & Parking
- Semi Detached
- Conservatory
- Available early OCT
- EPC Rating: D



New
Instruction

HOOKFIELD

£350,000

- Four Bedroom Extended Family Home
- Driveway
- Separate Outbuilding
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close to Bush Fair Shopping Centre
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Viewings Strongly Recommended



New
Instruction

THE GARDINERS

£289,950

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- CHAIN FREE
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Well Presented Throughout
- Cul-de-Sac Position
- STAMP DUTY FREE for First Time Buyers



New
Price

GUILFORDS

£177,000

- One Bedroom Flat
- Top Floor
- Good Size Lounge
- Recently Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Communal Garden
- Old Harlow Location



New
Price

DUNSTALLS

£274,000

- Two Bedroom (formerly a three) Family Home
- End of Terrace
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Overlooking Fields
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Edge of Harlow
- Viewing Recommended



RUNDELLS

£269,995

- Recently Refurbished
- Immaculate Throughout
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Walking Distance to Schooling & Bush Fair Shopping



New
Instruction

DARLINGTON COURT

£255,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Top Floor
- Open Plan Living Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom



- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Old Harlow Location
- Chain Free
- One Allocated Parking Space



BYNGHAMS

£289,995

- Two Bedroom Home
- Private Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Stunning Bathroom
- Garage En Bloc
- Allocated Parking Space to Front of Property
- Own front garden



MORNINGTONS

£345,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Garage & Drive
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Good Size Lounge
- No Onward Chain
- Close to all Shops & Schools
- Popular Area



New
Instruction

WHITEWAITS

£285,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- End of Terrace
- Recently Fitted Boiler
- Large Lounge Diner
- Complete Onward Chain
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Close to local Shops & Schools
- Viewing Recommended



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POTTERSFIELD

£259,950

- Chain Free
- Freehold
- End of Terrace
- Potential For Off Street Parking (subject to planning)
- Close To Amenities
- Close To Transport Links
- Close To Schools



Sawbridgeworth

£250,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Off street Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Could be Offered Chain Free
- Lounge 13'3" x 16'10"
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended



Sawbridgeworth

£489,950

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Bedroom Two
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Drive for Four Cars
- South Facing Garden
- Ideal Position for All Amenities



WINDMILL FIELDS £1200 PCM

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Newly Decorated
- New Kitchen
- EPC Rating C
- Close To Churchgate Street
- Off Street Parking For One Vehicle
- Easy access to the M11 & Harlow Mill
- Available Now
- * Admin Fees Apply

NEW LISTING



RYECROFT £1150 PCM

- Three Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC Rating C
- Available Now
- * Admin Fees Apply

NEW LISTING



PARK MEAD £1100 PCM

- Two/ Three Bedroom House
- Close To Hospital/Town
- EPC Rating D
- Unfurnished
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Downstairs Bedroom Three/Study
- Available Early November

NEW LISTING



CANNONS GATE £1000 PCM

- Two Bedroom House
- Modern Property
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available Now
- EPC Rating C
- Unfurnished
- Close To Hospital

NEW LISTING



TANYS DELL £995 PCM

- Three Bedroom Flat
- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC Rating D
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available Now

NEW LISTING



COALPORT CLOSE £825 PCM

- One Bedroom House
- Kitchen Appliances Only
- Lots Of Storage
- Double Glazed
- Must Be Viewed
- Available End October
- * Admin Fees Apply

NEW LISTING



CLIFTON HATCH £820 PCM

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Garden
- * Admin Fees Apply
- EPC Rating C
- Must Be Viewed
- Available Now

NEW LISTING



TAVILFERS £675 PCM

- One Bedroom Flat
- Kitchen Appliances Only
- EPC Rating C
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available 10th October
- Gas Central Heating
- Top Floor

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£127,500 = 50% SHARE GILSTON (Terlings Avenue). Modern 2 bedroom ground floor apartment with a contemporary kitchen and bathroom, open plan living area, 2 good size bedrooms and allocated parking. Walking distance of train station. No onward chain. Sole agents.



£259,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Hanover Court). Ground floor 2 double bedroom apartment within walking distance of train station. Good size living room with Juliette balcony, modern kitchen and bathroom, separate w.c., allocated parking. Sole agents.



£269,500 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Street). 2 Double bedroom, 2 Bathroom modern cottage. Situated in the village centre walking distance from all local facilities including train station. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



£350,000 SPELLBROOK (BUILDING PLOT). Good size plot on a country lane location with planning for an approximate 2,500 sq ft detached four bedroom house. Full plans available. Easy site to get on to. Good re-sale possibility and ideal for a self-builder. Sole agents.



£385,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Yewlands). Extended 3 double bedroom home with a double storey extension to side, conservatory to rear and an approximate 40ft rear garden. 5 mins walk to village centre and ideally positioned for schools and station. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room plus first floor bathroom and a single garage.



£385,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (West Road). Town centre position. Vacant possession offered. 3 bedroom cottage style home with a sitting room, good size kitchen/breakfast room, large conservatory, corner garden, large loft room, off-street parking. Sole agents.



£389,950 HARLOW (Cock Green). Beautiful character 3 bedroom semi-detached home with an enormous 2,177ft rear garden, modern open plan kitchen/dining room, living room, high quality bathroom and period features throughout. Sought after location. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£425,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Walk). Renovated 3 bedroom detached home in a prime position of the village. 5 mins walk to the station and in the heart of the village. Extended by its current owner and scope for second storey extension (stp). Driveway and parking for 2 cars. Sole agents.



£475,000 Sawbridgeworth (Sawbury Road). Detached 3 bedroom Victorian home. Close to town centre and walking distance of train station. Spacious sitting/dining room, good size kitchen, conservatory, 100ft rear garden. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£500,000 SPELLBROOK, 3-4 bedroom semi-detached home with lots of potential, double garage, lots of parking, large garden and outbuilding. Potential building plot (stp). No onward chain. Sole agents.



£500,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Leat Close). 4 bedroom semi-detached family home with a large living room, separate dining room, good size kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, driveway, garage, fully double glazed and a landscaped garden. Village centre position. Sole agents.



£405,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH. Nearly new detached 3 bedroom home with a lovely open plan ground floor layout with luxury kitchen, large living room, dining room, separate w.c., corner plot. En suite to master bedroom. Ideally situated for Leventhorpe School and a short walk to the mainline railway station.



£575,000 HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Medlars End). Rarely available 3 bedroom detached home with scope for extension subject to planning. Beautifully presented with sitting room, modern kitchen, breakfast room, dining room, utility, cloakroom, high quality bath/shower room, study area. Landscaped garden, driveway and parking for 2 cars.



£660,000 WRIGHTS GREEN (Little Hallingbury). 4 bedroom detached home in a rarely available location. Extensive driveway and parking for 7-8 cars, sitting room, kitchen/family room, dining room, 2 en-suite bathrooms plus main bathroom, beautifully landscaped and private 75ft garden.



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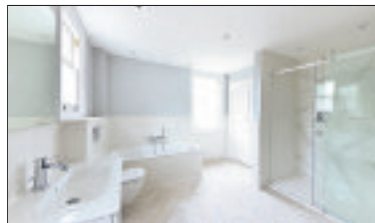
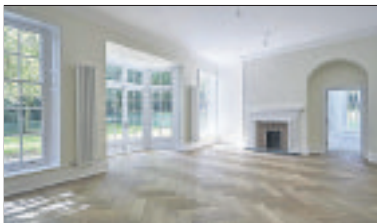
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The building's original fabric has influenced the design approach in the choice of materials, the spatial arrangements and the retention of period details. The introduction of contemporary features is sensitively balanced within the classic context to give rise to interiors that are both stylish and refined.

Each of the nine apartments are totally unique and have been finished to an exceptional standard offering stunning kitchens and bathrooms throughout. A few of the apartments enjoy their own private gardens a couple enjoy separate basement storage with all enjoying allocated gated secure parking. Viewing is highly recommended. Joint Sole Agents

WHEELS

FIRST DRIVE: Skoda Superb SE L Executive Hatch by David Ward



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Skoda Superb SE L Executive Hatch
- **Price:** £27,450
- **Mechanical:** 148bhp, 2.0-litre, 4cyl diesel engine driving the front wheels via six-speed manual gearbox
- **Max speed:** 137mph
- **0 to 60mph:** 9.1 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 65.7
- **Insurance group:** 19E
- **CO2 emissions:** 113g/km
- **BiK rating:** 27%
- **Warranty:** 3 years/60,000

SUPERB VALUE

Skoda has come a long way since being taken over by the Volkswagen Group in 1991 and none more so than in the up-market executive car sector.

They joined the 'big boys' club' in 2001 with their first Superb taking on the premium cars from BMW, Mercedes-Benz and even their own sister VW/Audi company and in both hatchback and estate styles have proved a big success.

It's easy to see why in the latest, updated models because they are all exceptionally well equipped, competitively priced offering real value for money with both petrol and diesel engines.

The Superb has aged really well and remains extremely stylish while underneath and inside they remain the most sophisticated, comfortable, spacious and best quality quipped packaged car Skoda has ever made in its history.

Yes, it naturally relies on

some engineering and technical know-how and mechanical parts from partners Volkswagen – for example it's based on the VW group's common platform system known as MQB that now underpins everything from the tiny Polo through to the big Touareg.

Again there's certainly been no skimping though with this latest generation Superb because it's packed to the gunnels with equipment, even on the entry-level model.

Who would have thought a few years ago motorists would have on a Skoda car the latest new infotainment system with DAB radio plus radar and camera-based safety technology along with large, posh comfortable seats and acres of leg and head room inside?

It's certainly totally different to those days of the old rear-engined cheap and cheerful Estelle and Rapid cars that Skoda made more than well over 30 years ago

and having covered their respective press launches at the time today's range is naturally a totally different world.

This latest Superb hatchback and estate, available here with five trim levels – S, SE, SE Business, SE L Executive (tested here) and range-topping Laurin and Klement – has been redesigned from the ground upwards and with a choice of seven engines, plus DSG automatic and a 4x4 version.

The test car was the two-litre 148bhp diesel SE L Executive hatch costing £27,450 which is the best seller and it's easy to see why particularly for company car buyers because of its low CO2 emissions (113g/km), sits in insurance group 19E and is BiK rated at 27%.

The test car's six-speed manual gearbox is fine with a nice up and down shift movement but in my book it's worth paying the bit extra in going for the automatic gearbox tried

previously which is so smooth and responsive and naturally less hard work for the driver.

Out on the road the 148bhp diesel engine has a strong and efficient performance with obviously good, low down torque from a diesel engine which is also remarkably quiet too.

It picks up well and copes with our now many increasingly bumpy road surfaces, soaking them up well, along with safe and secure handling plus plenty of road grip and the ride overall, kept in Comfort suspension mode rather than Sport, is extremely refined and comfortable.

Also, it's an outstanding motorway cruiser (cruise control is standard) where on 18-inch alloy wheels it wafts along with ease and where fuel economy is genuinely good, achieving on a 400-mile day long test run 60.8mpg, close to the official combined figure of 65.7mpg.

But sit inside and it's

genuinely cavernous, particularly in the rear seats where a six-foot passenger will wallow in comfort and space while the really huge boot is commensurately vast, too, stretching to 1,760 litres with the rear seats folded and that's just the hatchback model.

The rear seats have a 60/40 split and there's even a ski hatch in the seat backs too while an added advantage is that there are hooks to securely hang any shopping bags and also boot nets.

Yes, three full-sized adults can sit in those back seats and not feel cramped at all while elsewhere inside Skoda's Simply Clever slogan does actually mean that – it even has umbrellas storage pockets in the doors, ice scrapers in the fuel-filler and much more.

The interior is even more classy now than in the first models and naturally on the higher trimmed and dearer versions, such as the SE L Executive test car, the

amount of standard kit on board is enormous.

This includes an efficient and easy to use 9.2-inch infotainment screen with all the usual mod cons like sat nav, Bluetooth, electric heated adjustable heated leather seats and folding door mirrors, electrically powered tailgate, rear parking sensors, loads of driver assist features and many more driving aids.

Overall a really great looking big car with absolute bags of interior space and a comfortable ride and crucially cheaper than its rivals plus it has such a high standard of specification even on the entry-level model.

Residuals look good too, which in turn makes it less risky than majority non-premium big cars while in terms of specification and prices all the latest Superb models are now better equipped and there's nothing out there that offers such great value.

WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Volvo XC40 T5 AWD First Edition by Edward Stephens

AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Volvo XC40 T5 AWD First Edition
- **Price:** £40,055
- **Mechanical:** 247bhp, 1,969cc, 4cyl petrol engine driving four wheels via 8-speed automatic gearbox
- **Max speed:** 140mph
- **0-62mph:** 6.2 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 39.2
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WHEELS

In a motoring world now dominated by SUVs, Volvo's decision to introduce a new compact one might have seemed a bit risky.

But judging by the awards and accolades picked up by the new XC40 – including European Car of the Year – the bosses at Gothenburg, Sweden knew exactly what they were doing.

Despite being the smallest of the company's XC range, the new model boasts many of the same up-market features and certainly the same quality of its larger siblings.

The new model has a bold, dramatic exterior with its clamshell bonnet, concave grille, sculptured doors, distinctive T-shaped daylight running lights and – in the case of the R-Design spec model driven here – contrasting roof and body colours.

Its tall stance and spacious interior means good all-round vision and everyone on board has an abundance of space.

But while leg room in the rear is generous, tall passengers might have to

bend their knees a little more than on the bigger XCs to get in and out because of the narrower door openings.

The doors themselves are cleverly designed to overlap the sills so that you don't get your clothes dirty as you get out.

On the inside, armchair-like seats hold you well in place and I liked the clean contemporary, Ikea-like look of the interior.

A centre-set large touch screen which operates many of the on-board features eliminates the need for too many switches and there's a generous amount of interior compartments to keep everything neat and tidy.

There are even slots in the dashboard for credit card style club cards as well as a fold-out hook in the glove box for takeaways.

Boot space too is generous thanks to a flat floor, few lumps and bumps on the sides and a tailgate that comes right down to the rear bumper.

The model tested here is the all-singing, all-dancing top-of-the-range T5, an all-wheel-drive petrol-powered vehicle for motorists who



want to combine performance and comfort with off-road ability.

With a top speed of 140 miles per hour and a 0-62mph time of just 6.5 seconds the T5 powerhouse is an exceptionally quick car that delivers its power in a quiet, refined manner.

There's a choice of driving

modes too, from eco to dynamic and you can even set individual preferences to tailor-make your Volvo to your style of driving.<

The 247bhp engine is mated to a seamless eight-speed automatic gearbox which comes with the flexibility of a short sporty gearshift as well as paddles

behind the steering wheel for manual gear changes.

And if you're lucky enough to be able to buy one of the First Edition models you will find it even more lavishly equipped than the standard one, coming as it does with a host of extra equipment worth more than £5,000.

This includes a panoramic

sunroof, automatic parking, parking cameras with a 360-degree surround view, power operated tailgate and heated rear seats.

Volvo is obviously very proud of its new XC40. So proud every one has a postage-sized rubber Swedish flag protruding from under the side of the bonnet.

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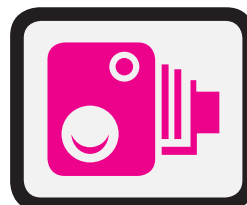
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Essex County Council

(Various Roads, District of Harlow) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.6) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

1. To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the Harlow District as specified in the schedule to this Order.
2. A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force.

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 20th September 2018 exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road.

For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order came into effect on 20th September 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule		
Location Description	Extents	Diversion
Chalk Lane, Harlow	From its junction with Matching Road to end of Highway Boundary	No Diversion Route
A414, Harlow	Approximately 250m North of its junction with First Avenue to approximately 50m south of its junction with Edinburgh Way, a distance of approximately 800m	A414, Second Avenue, Velizy Avenue, Allende Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Edinburgh Way and vice versa
Abercrombie Way, Harlow	From its junction with Pyenest Road to its junction with Third Avenue, a distance of approximately 490m	Abercrombie Way, Southern Way, Kingsmoor Road, Paycock Road, Katherines Way, Third Avenue and vice versa
Fourth Avenue, Harlow	From its Entrance with The Princess Alexandra Hospital to its junction with Elizabeth Way, a distance of approximately 1270m	Fourth Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Elizabeth Way and vice versa
A1019 Fifth Avenue, Harlow	From its junction with Edinburgh Way to the Essex/Hertfordshire Boundary, a distance of approximately 600m	Edinburgh Way, Cambridge Road, Harlow Road, High Wych Road, Pye Corner, Eastwick Road and vice versa

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG on Monday - Friday, 9am - 4.45pm. If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on 01279 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00389	Ward:	Bush Fair
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 134-135 Spencers Croft, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors.		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00387	Ward:	Bush Fair
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 126-127 Spencers Croft, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors.		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00385	Ward:	Harlow Common
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 319-322 Carters Mead, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors.		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/TP/18/00051	Ward:	Old Harlow
Application Type:	Works To Trees with a TPO		
Location:	25 Sheering Road, Harlow, Essex CM17 0JL		
Proposal:	T1 - Beech - Fell		
Reason for Advert:	Tree Works Within a Conservation Area		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00386	Ward:	Bush Fair
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 75-76 Spencers Croft, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00384	Ward:	Harlow Common
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 304-307 Carters Mead, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00423	Ward:	Harlow Common
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	140 Potter Street Harlow Essex CM17 9AW		
Proposal:	Proposed Detached 3 Bedroom Dwelling		
Reason for Advert:	Affects the Setting of a Listed Building		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00401	Ward:	Great Parndon
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	St Marys C of E And Methodist Church Peldon Road, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Disabled Access to Church Yard		
Reason for Advert:	Affects the Setting of a Listed Building		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00388	Ward:	Bush Fair
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 120-121 Spencers Croft, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors.		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00381	Ward:	Harlow Common
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 287-290 Carters Mead, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrance/Stairwell Screens and Doors		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00380	Ward:	Harlow Common
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 136-139 Carters Mead, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrances/Stairwell Screens & Doors		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00377	Ward:	Bush Fair
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	Flat Block 74-79 Nicholls Field, Harlow, Essex		
Proposal:	Replacement Communal Entrances/Stairwell Screens & Doors		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		
Application No:	HW/FUL/18/00406	Ward:	Staple Type
Application Type:	Full Application		
Location:	1 - 36 Ridsdens, Harlow, Essex CM18 7NH		
Proposal:	Removal of Existing Render System Back to Existing Brickwork, Window Replacement Scheme and New Infill Fencing Panels		
Reason for Advert:	Harlow District Council Application and Local Public Interest		

Public Notices

THE HARLOW DISTRICT COUNCIL (LONDON ROAD NORTH) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2018 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND IN LONDON ROAD NORTH

1. Notice is hereby given that Harlow District Council has made the Harlow District Council (London Road North) Compulsory Purchase Order 2018 under section 226(1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It is about to submit this Order to The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for confirmation, and if confirmed, the Order will authorise Harlow District Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purpose of facilitating the development, redevelopment or improvement of land within the Harlow Enterprise Zone which is likely to contribute to the achievement of the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the acquiring authority's area.
2. A copy of the Order and of the accompanying map may be seen at all reasonable hours at Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, College Square, Harlow, CM20 1WG.
3. Any objection to the Order must be made in writing to The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, National Planning Casework Unit, 5 St Philips Place, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2PW before 22 October 2018 and should state the title of the Order, the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interests in the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

Land and buildings on the North West Side of London Road, Harlow, to the West of the roundabout between London Road and The Chase, to the East of Arrow Electronics (UK) and approximately 500 metres directly to the South of Mark Hall Sports Centre which comprises approximately 3.88 hectares.

Dated this 24 of September 2018

Amanda Julian
Legal Services Manager
Harlow District Council
Civic Centre
The Water Gardens
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Adam Seeley scores his hat-trick try for Harlow

Photo by Martine Xerri

Seely seals memorable first win with last-ditch try

HARLOW Rugby Club were involved in a thrilling battle against South Woodham Ferrers in London Two North East at

Latton Park on Saturday, winning 28-21 with a last ditch converted try. Adam Seely proved the star of

the show for the hosts, scoring three tries in the second half to turn the match around – his last try coming with the final play of

the game. It was Harlow's first league win, having lost their opening two fixtures and they will be

hoping to carry the momentum of a memorable victory into this Saturday's game at fourth placed Romford and Gidea Park.

Harlow judo stars make their mark

Gold medal for Lambert in Home Counties competition

TWO youngsters from Harlow Judo Club have been making a name for themselves in a top level regional competition.

Owen Lambert, aged 12, and Sam Cobbin-Brown (11) competed in the Northern Home Counties Area Open at the University of Hertfordshire Sports Village in Hatfield.

This high level event is split over two days, with the Harlow Judo Club players taking part in the first day of the competition.

First up was Owen, competing in his final year as a pre-cadet in his weight category, before moving up to the cadet section next September. He was on top form and won all his fights strongly in his weight group to make it

through to the final.

This exciting showdown saw the Harlow youngster hold his opponent for a wa-azari (the second highest score you can register in judo) to claim the gold medal. Owen displayed great tachi-waza (standing techniques) throughout his fights, but also where necessary, pinned his opponent down in ne-waza (ground work).

Techniques

Next up was Sam who was taking part in his first competition as a pre-cadet.

Despite displaying good judo techniques in his fights, he was unfortunately outclassed in his weight category. However he did

finish in a very respectable fifth place.

Harlow Judo Club is based in Foldcroft and also caters for those with special needs.

Mick Ellis, a first Dan, is the club's head coach, with Glen Williams, also a first Dan, assistant coach.

The club are always on the lookout for sponsorship to help fund participation in events all around the country at various levels of standard.

Anyone wishing to provide sponsorship should contact Gill Ellis on gillianellis48@yahoo.co.uk or call 07976 955905.

For training times and further details on the club, see www.harlowjudoclub.com.



Harlow Judo Club's Owen Lambert (left) with his medal alongside Sam Cobbin-Brown

Flynn finishes Tring Ultra

HARLOW Running Club member Sean Flynn completed the 31 mile Tring Ultra Trail Race, finishing in 93rd place out of 158 finishers in an exhausting 6hr 28min 42sec.

Meanwhile, at the Hull Marathon, blind runner Paul Watts, running with a guide, finished in 510th place out of 628 finishers in 4.49:23.

At the Draycote Water 20 Mile Race in Warwickshire, Martyn Coulter finished in 22nd place out of 136 finishers in an excellent personal best time of 2.26:38.

Further afield, at the Dam to Dam Ten Mile Race in Amsterdam, Harlow's Andy Kinney finished in 8869th place out of 11,151 finishers in 1.43:23.

At the Give Your Town the Run Around Hoddesdon Five Mile race saw Dave Goosetree clock a time of 46:36 to finish in 100th place out of 200 finishers.

In the second race out of three in the Hatfield 5km Series, John Tennant finished in 112th place out of 250 finishers in 22:02.

At the Harlow parkrun Dan Chapman finished in fourth place out of 222 finishers in a superb time of 18:37.

He was followed home by: Danny McCree third in 19:25, Andy Terrell fifth in 20:45, Lee Webber sixth in 20:46, Alan Broughton seventh and first Vet 50 in 21:11, Robert Scott eighth in 21:22 (PB), Sharon Wright 12th and first female in 21:49, Catherine Ridge 16th and third female in 22:34.

Marc Witham was 25th in 23:16 (PB), John Bull 26th and third Vet 50 in 23:17, Steve Warren 27th and first Vet 55 in 23:19, Martin Elven 28th and second Vet 55 in 23:21 (PB), Graham Saville 37th and first Vet 60 in 24:16, Bobby Draper 40th in 24:35, Alison Beeton 41st and first female Vet 50 in 24:44, David Morley 47th in 25:37, Spencer Brooks 57th in 26:08, Robin Lozeau 64th and second Vet 60 in 26:37.

Holly Davis finished 65th in 26:38, Debbie Barry 74th and first Female Vet 55 in 27:30, Kerry Mavris 86th in 28:12, Alan Cootes 95th in 28:30, Louise Cootes 96th in 28:30, Gail Nicholls 97th in 28:32, Pushpa Mistry 132nd and third Female Vet 55 in 31:03, Helen Barnes-Martin 135th in 31:13 (PB), Alison Bull 137th in 31:36.

Tommy guns for fight glory

HARLOW Boxing Club's Tommy Rogerson will be going for glory this Saturday as he takes on Amaan Nadeem of the Top Yard School of Boxing at the Crown Plaza Five Lakes Hotel in Maldon for the Eastern Counties U70kg title.

The exciting pair are both aged and great prospects with Harlow's Rogerson being last year's losing finalist in the event and his opponent winning gold at the East Midlands Box Cup tournament in July.